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49ERS

McKinnon blows out knee, lost for season

By Cam Inman

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SANTA CLARA » Running back Jerick McKinnon sustained a season-ending knee injury in practice Saturday, ruining what had been a promising and pricey addition to the 49ers offense.

McKinnon tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee the first day back in team drills since straining his right calf Aug. 9.

SEASON OPENER

49ers at Vikings, Sept. 9, 10 a.m., FOX

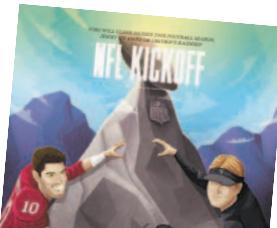
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"It was the last play of practice, made a cut on air, no one was around him, just went down, looked awkward," coach Kyle Shanahan said in a media conference call.

Shanahan was "extremely concerned" it could be an ACL tear before tests confirmed that diagnosis three hours later.

Look for the 49ers to deploy Matt Breida and Alfred Morris as their primary running backs, with perhaps more use of fullback Kyle Juszczyk as a receiver.

Shanahan noted the "unusual" timing of McKinnon's injury, in that it came a couple hours before

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KARL MONDON — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Running back Jerick McKinnon, the 49ers' prized free-agent signing this season, was injured on the final play of practice on Saturday.

RAIDERS

Defensive end Khalil Mack was the most talented and arguably the most loved of Raiders players, but his price tag was too high for them.

BAD NEWS BEAR

Unwilling to meet Mack's demands, Raiders trade him to Chicago for draft picks

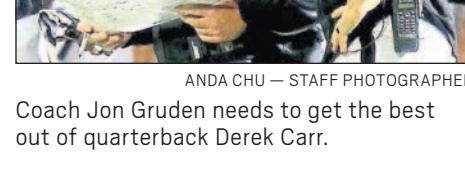
By Matt Schneidman

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ALAMEDA » The Raiders traded their best player, sending Khalil Mack to the Chicago Bears on Saturday.

Here are the full details of the trade: The Raiders are giving up Mack, a 2020 second-round and a conditional 2020 fifth-round in exchange for a 2019 first-round, 2020 first-round, 2020 third-round and 2019 sixth-round. The Bears are also giving Mack a six-year, \$141 million extension with \$90 million guaranteed and \$60 million guaranteed at signing, per ESPN. The deal comes out to \$23.5 million/year, which is \$1 million more per year than Rams defensive tackle Aaron Donald received Friday in his new contract and the new richest defensive deal in NFL history.

More than half the league inquired about trading for Mack, Raiders GM Reggie McKenzie said, and the Raiders narrowed down the suitors to ones they thought would pick



ANDA CHU — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Coach Jon Gruden needs to get the best out of quarterback Derek Carr.

THE DEAL**Raiders get from Bears:** First-round selections in the 2019 and 2020 draft, the sixth-round selection in 2019, third-round selection in 2020.**Bears get from Raiders:** Defensive end Khalil Mack, the team's second-round pick in 2020 and a 2020 conditional fifth-round pick.**SEASON OPENER**Rams at Raiders, Sept. 10, 7:20 p.m., ESPN
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Mack may have been team's best player, but Carr is team's most valuable

ALAMEDA » Ultimately, the Raiders concluded the town wasn't big enough for Derek Carr and Khalil Mack.

It's the biggest factor in a deal first reported by ESPN that will bring first- and sixth-round picks in 2019 and first- and third-round picks in 2020 in exchange for Mack and the Raiders' second round choice in 2020, plus a conditional fifth-round in 2020.

The Raiders could have afforded Mack in terms of actual dollars but thought the price tag was too high for someone who plays defense in a league designed to reward the offense.

Jon Gruden, the Raiders head coach and decision-maker, is an offensive guy. General manager Reggie McKenzie, a former linebacker whose job it is to build the team to Gruden's specifications, would have done things differently.

**Jerry McDonald***Columnist***MCDONALD » PAGE 6****A'S**

Bullpen start is major failure

A's plow through a record nine pitchers in loss to Mariners

By Martin Gallegos

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OAKLAND » The A's first crack at their new "bullpenning" experiment turned out to be a failure.

Employing the same strategy the Tampa Bay Rays made famous earlier this season by having a relief pitcher start out a game did not go the way the A's had it drawn up in Saturday's 8-7 loss to the Mariners, decreasing their lead over Seattle for the second AL wild card spot to 4 1/2 games with 25 games remaining.

"We'll always re-evaluate and see what we think is best," A's manager Bob Melvin said, also confirming Edwin Jackson would start the game today. "Obviously we didn't get off to the greatest start with it."

Instead of beginning the game with scheduled starter Daniel Mengden, the A's (81-56) elected to open it up with reliever Liam Hendriks, who was among the eight players called up Saturday with rosters eligible to expand for the month of September. Hendriks held the Mariners (76-60) scoreless in the first but ran into trouble for the second.

Hendriks started off the inning by allowing the first two

A'S » PAGE 5**THE SCORE****MARINERS 8, A'S 7****Up next:** Mariners (Hernandez 8-12) at A's (Jackson 4-3), today, 1:05 p.m., NBCCA**AL WEST RACE**

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| Astros | 83 | 53 | — |
| A's | 81 | 56 | 2 1/2 |

AL WILD-CARD RACE

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| Yankees | 86 | 50 | +5 1/2 |
| A's | 81 | 56 | — |
| Mariners | 76 | 60 | 4 1/2 |

The top two wild-card teams face each other in a one-game playoff. The winner advances to the divisional round against the division champion with the best record.

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NFL NOTES

Ravens keep Griffin as third QB

By The Associated Press

RG3 is staying put. Robert Griffin III, the 2012 NFL offensive rookie of the year whose career has been disrupted by injuries since that season, remained with Baltimore as the Ravens cut their roster to the league maximum of 53 on Saturday. He'll likely be the third-string quarterback behind Joe Flacco and first-round draft pick Lamar Jackson, but he still has a job.

Among the intriguing players let go were Dallas kicker Dan Bailey, Chiefs cornerback David Amerson, Ravens receiver Breshad Perriman, Bengals defensive end Michael Johnson, Texans receiver Braxton Miller and guard David Quessenberry (San Jose State), and Steelers quarterback Landry Jones.

Quarterback notes

Griffin signed a one-year deal with the Ravens in April after sitting out the entire 2017 season. He was Washington's first-round choice in 2012, second overall, and led Washington to the playoffs that year before things went sour.

"There's no doubt that you want Robert Griffin on your team," coach John Harbaugh said after the final preseason game. "He makes our quarterback room better and stronger. He's a very good quarterback. He looks like a starter to me. He has been a starter. Certainly a backup in this league, without question. I mean, that's not even close. I would like to have him on the team, we'll just have to see how the math works."

It worked.

Another survivor thus far: Paxton Lynch in Denver.

The 2016 first-rounder got through cutdown day despite slipping to third on the depth chart this summer. Chad Kelly leapfrogged Lynch last month and became the second seventh-rounder to beat out the for-



AP FILE PHOTO

Baltimore kept Robert Griffin III as its third QB, behind Joe Flacco and Lamar Jackson.

mer Memphis star Trevor Siemian also managed it, but is now with Minnesota.

In Pittsburgh, Josh Dobbs' impressive pre-season cost Jones his job. The Steelers kept Dobbs and rookie Mason Rudolph as the primary backups to Ben Roethlisberger. Dobbs made significant strides in his second training camp and ended the pre-season by throwing for a touchdown and running for another in a victory over Carolina. Jones had been 3-2 as a starter in five pro seasons, with eight touchdowns and seven interceptions.

Cincinnati put vet Matt Barkley (knee) on injured reserve, leaving Jeff Driskel as the backup to Andy Dalton heading into the season.

Failed draft picks

The Ravens parted with Perriman, the team's first-round pick in 2015. He managed just 43 catches for 576 yards and three touchdowns over 27 career games. It marked the first time in franchise history the Ravens cut a first-round pick before the end of his rookie contract.

The Bills chose not to hold on to receiver Corey Coleman, who has been a disappointment since the Browns made him the 15th overall

selection two years ago. Buffalo traded a seventh-round pick in 2020 for him.

Released veterans

Brian Robison and Terence Newman were released by Minnesota.

Robison was about to begin his 12th season with the team. Newman, the oldest defensive player in the NFL, will retire and immediately join the coaching staff three days before his 40th birthday.

Robison, who's tied for ninth in Vikings history with 60 career sacks, was the longest-tenured player on the team. Drafted in the fourth round in 2007, he spent six of his 11 years with the Vikings as a full-time starter. Danielle Hunter moved ahead of him on the depth chart in 2017, and for the second straight off-season Robison took a pay cut to return in 2018.

The Bengals released Johnson, a 10th-year defensive end, although it could be a temporary separation. Johnson becomes a free agent and could re-sign with Cincinnati for less money.

Johnson has played all but one of his nine seasons with Cincinnati. He led the defensive line with 49 tackles and five sacks last season.

The Chiefs released underperforming cornerback

Amerson, who signed a \$2.25 million free-agent deal this past off-season. Amerson was released by the Raiders before signing with Kansas City, where he was expected to solidify the secondary after the trade of Marcus Peters to the Rams. But he was often burned in pre-season games.

Running backs Mike Gillislee and Brandon Bolden were sent packing by New England. Gillislee, signed as a restricted free agent before last season, ran for 383 yards and five touchdowns in nine games. He and Bolden became expendable with the signing of free agent Jeremy Hill. Bolden, who has been with the team since 2012, was also released on cut-down day last season but then quickly brought back and played in all 16 games at running back and on special teams.

The kicker

Dallas waived Bailey, the second-most accurate kicker in NFL history. Bailey was Dallas' kicker for seven seasons and made at least 93 percent of his kicks in three of his first five years. He failed off badly last season after injuring his groin against San Francisco. The Cowboys are going with Brett Maher.

On the air**TODAY****BASEBALL**

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| 10:30 a.m. | Cubs at Phillies | TBS |
| 1 p.m. | Mets at Giants | NBCBA 680 |
| 1 p.m. | Mariners at A's | NBCCA 95.7 |
| 1:30 p.m. | Diamondbacks at Dodgers | MLB |
| 4 p.m. | Perfect Game: U14 Select Festival | CBSSN |
| 5 p.m. | Angels at Astros | ESPN |

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

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| 9 a.m. | Prairie View A&M vs. North Carolina Central | ESPN2 |
| 4:30 p.m. | Miami vs. LSU | ABC |

GOLF

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| 3:30 a.m. | European Tour: Made in Denmark | GOLF |
| 10 a.m. | PGA Tour: Dell Tech. Championships | GOLF |
| noon | PGA Tour: Dell Tech. Championships | NBC |
| noon | Web.com Tour: DAP Championship | GOLF |
| 2 p.m. | Champions Tour: Shaw Charity Classic | GOLF |
| 4 p.m. | LPGA Tour: Portland Classic | GOLF |

HORSE RACING

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| 1 p.m. | Prioress Stakes | FS2 |
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MOTOR SPORTS

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| 6:05 a.m. | Formula One: Italian Grand Prix | ESPN2 |
| noon | IndyCar: Portland at Grand Prix | NBCSN |
| 1 p.m. | NHRA: U.S. Nationals qualifying | FS1 |
| 3 p.m. | NASCAR Cup series: Southern 500 | NBCSN |

SOCER

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| 5:25 a.m. | Premier: Cardiff City vs. Arsenal | NBCSN |
| 5:55 a.m. | Ligue 1: St. Etienne vs. Amiens | beIN |
| 6:30 a.m. | Bundesliga: Leipzig vs. Fortuna Dusseldorf | FS1 |
| 7:55 a.m. | Premier: Watford vs. Tottenham | NBCSN |
| 9 a.m. | Bundesliga: Schalke vs. Hertha Berlin | FS1 |
| 9:20 a.m. | La Liga: Barcelona vs. Huesca | beIN |
| 10 a.m. | Women's NCAA: Stanford at Minnesota | BIGTEN |
| 11:25 a.m. | Serie A: Sampdoria vs. Napoli | ESPNNEWS |
| 11:55 a.m. | Ligue 1: Monaco vs. Marseille | beIN |
| 3 p.m. | Women: UC Santa Barbara at Cal | PAC12 |
| 4:30 p.m. | MLS: D.C. United vs. Atlanta United | FS1 |

TENNIS

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| 8 a.m. | U.S. Open: Round of 16 | ESPN |
| noon | U.S. Open: Round of 16 | ESPN |
| 4 p.m. | U.S. Open: Round of 16 | ESPN2 |

TRACK AND FIELD

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| 10 a.m. | IAAF Diamond: Weltklasse final | NBC |
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WNBA PLAYOFF

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| noon | Game 4: Atlanta at Washington | ESPN2 |
| 2 p.m. | Game 4: Seattle at Phoenix | ESPN2 |

MONDAY**BASEBALL**

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| 10 a.m. | Red Sox at Braves | ESPN |
| 1 p.m. | Yankees at A's | NBCCA 95.7 |
| 1 p.m. | Giants at Rockies | NBCBA 680 |
| 5 p.m. | Mets at Dodgers | MLB |
| 8 p.m. | Orioles at Mariners | MLB |

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

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| 5 p.m. | Virginia Tech at Florida State | ESPN, ESPNU, ESPN2 |
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GOLF

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| 8:30 a.m. | PGA Tour: Dell Technologies Champ. | GOLF |
| 10:30 a.m. | PGA Tour: Dell Technologies Champ. | NBC |

HORSE RACING

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| 1 p.m. | Hopeful Stakes | FS1 |
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MOTOR SPORTS

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| 8 a.m. | NHRA: U.S. Nationals | FS1 |
| 10 a.m. | NHRA: U.S. Nationals | FOX |
| noon | ARCA: General Tire Grabber 100 | MavTV |

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CAL

Defense paves way for Bears past Tar Heels

By Jeff Faraudo
Correspondent

BERKELEY » Year 1 of the Justin Wilcox coaching era at Cal prompted a significant improvement by the Bears' defense.

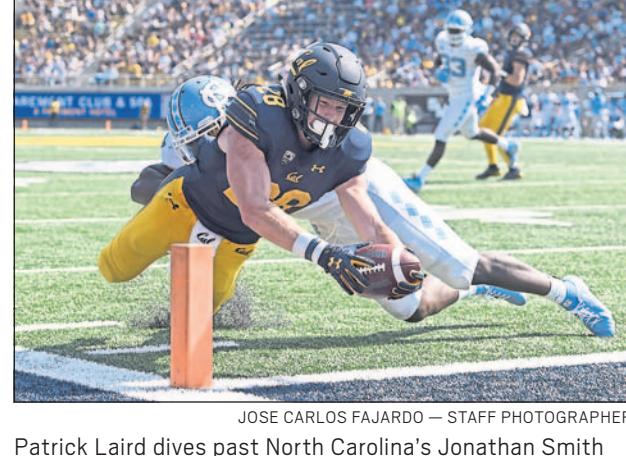
Cal ushered in Year 2 with a performance against North Carolina on Saturday that suggests the defense could be better still.

The Bears beat the Tar Heels for the second straight season, winning 24-17 in front of an announced crowd of 42,168 after holding the visitors from the Atlantic Coast Conference to 38 yards and one first down in a scoreless first half.

The Tar Heels did not get into the end zone until scoring two touchdowns in the final 6:31 after Cal led 24-3.

Things could have gotten hairy for the home team, but UNC's recovery of an onside kick with 1:10 left was nullified by an illegal block penalty.

On the re-kick, the Tar Heels were penalized for touching the ball before it went 10 yards, giving Cal possession.



JOSE CARLOS FAJARDO — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Patrick Laird dives past North Carolina's Jonathan Smith and scores a touchdown in the third quarter of Cal's win.

"They're excited we won, but everyone knows there's a lot more," Cal coach Justin Wilcox said. "We can play a lot better than that."

What distinguished the Bears' offensive showing more than anything else was the fact that they used three quarterbacks. Ross Bowers started and, although he did not appear to be injured, saw no action in the second half. Redshirt freshman Chase Garbers played most of the second half, with sophomore trans-

fer Brandon McIlwain getting snaps throughout the game.

Five takeaways from the Bears' opening victory:

1. THE DEFENSE WAS TERRIFIC, FOR THREE QUARTERS

» Cal intercepted UNC quarterback Nathan Elliott four times, three of them coming in the first half, including linebacker Cameron Goode's 38-yard pick-six. Safety Jaylin Hawkins had two interceptions.

But the Tar Heels totaled

182 of their 301 yards in the

fourth quarter while scoring both of their touchdowns.

"I'm still mad about that second half," said linebacker Evan Weaver, who had a career-best 13 tackles. "We really shouldn't have given up any points."

2. THE QUARTERBACK SITUATION APPEARS TO BE IN FLUX

» Wilcox said it was part of the game plan that the Bears used three quarterbacks. He said Garbers got most of the snaps in the second half because the Bears needed a run-pass option against the Tar Heels' defensive tactics.

But it was curious that Bowers, who passed for 363 yards and four touchdowns against UNC last year and started every game in 2017, did not play after halftime.

Bowers finished 8 for 17 for 56 yards. Garbers was 7 for 13 for 54 yards with his first career touchdown pass and rushed for 39 yards. McIlwain was just 1 for 2 for 9 yards passing, but had a 17-yard gain on a designed running play.

3. AT LEAST FOR NOW, THE BEARS WILL LEAN HEAVILY ON LAIRD » He had 29 of the 30 carries by a Cal running

back and finished with 95 rushing yards and touchdowns rushing and receiving. "We'll make sure to take care of Pat," Wilcox said. "He wants to carry it every time. We'll protect him from himself in that way."

4. CAL PLAYED A FAIRLY CLEAN GAME » They had no turnovers. They had just five penalties for 35 yards. New kicker Greg Thomas made his first collegiate field goal attempt, from 35 yards, although he missed a subsequent try from 47 yards. They generally covered well on kicks and punts. In short, they did not beat themselves, but looked like a maturing program.

5. THINGS WILL GET MUCH TOUGHER » Perhaps at BYU next week, but certainly it will in the Pac-12. North Carolina was 3-9 last year and arrived in Berkeley without 11 players suspended for selling school-issued shoes.

Elliott was 1 for 9 to start the game, and at halftime Cal had four times more yardage on three interception returns (48 yards) than UNC receivers had on two catches (12 yards).

Cal 24, North Carolina 17

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| North Carolina | 0 | 0 | 3 | 14 | - | 17 |
| California | 7 | 10 | 7 | 0 | - | 24 |

First quarter

CAL — Laird 3 run (Thomas kick), 2:40

Second quarter

CAL — Goode 38 interception return (Thomas kick), 13:51

CAL — FG Thomas 35, 6:43

Third quarter

NC — FG Jones 43, 4:39

CAL — Laird 4 pass from Garbers (Thomas kick), :22

Fourth quarter

NC — A.Williams 3 run (F.Jones kick), 6:31

NC — Ratliff-Williams 14 pass from Elliott (F.Jones kick), 1:13

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| First downs | 17 | 19 |
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| Rushes yds | 38-164 | 49-160 |
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| Passing yards | 137 | 119 |
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| Comp-att-int | 15-35-4 | 16-32-0 |
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| Return yards | 76 | 28 |
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| Penalties-yards | 13-124 | 5-35 |
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| Time of poss. | 24:03 | 35:57 |
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INDIVIDUAL STATS

Rushing — North Carolina, Elliott 10-58, A.Williams 17-47, J.Brown 6-35, Newsome 2-9, J.Williams 2-9, Ratliff-Williams 1-6, California, Laird 29-95, Garbers 10-39, McIlwain 3-26, Wharton 1-8, Clark 1-1, (Team) 2-(minus 2), Bowers 3-(minus 7).

Passing — North Carolina, Elliott 15-35-4-137, California, Bowers 8-17-0-56, McIlwain 1-2-0, Garbers 7-13-0-54.

Receiving — North Carolina, Ratliff-Williams 3-62, J.Williams 3-26, J.Brown 3-19, Newsome 2-9, A.Williams 2-0, Groves 1-14, R.Johnson 1-7, California, Laird 4-14, Duncan 3-34, Wharton 1-8, Noa 3-15, Ways 1-23, Je.Hawkins 1-9, McMorris 1-6.

Missed field goals — California, Thomas 47.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Tigers stuff Huskies

Associated Press

Jatarvious Whitlow ran 10 yards for a touchdown with 6:15 remaining, and the Auburn defense came through at the end, leading the Tigers in the opener in Atlanta between the two top-10 teams.

Trailing 16-15 after missing a two-point conversion on their opening drive of the game, ninth-ranked Auburn drove 76 yards in 10 plays for the winning score. Jarrett Stidham kept the drive going early with a 12-yard pass to Chandler Cox on third-and-9. Then, facing third-and-7 deep in Washington territory, Auburn handed off outside to Whitlow, who knocked over a Washington defender as he smashed into the end zone.

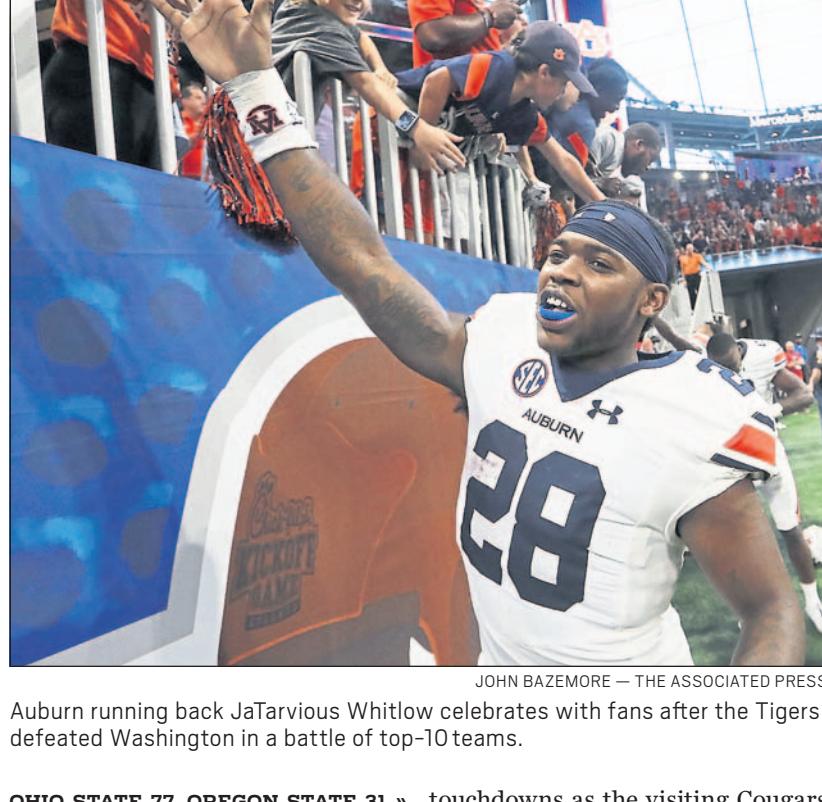
Washington, ranked sixth, drove to the Auburn 37 with plenty of time to pull off the comeback, but Myles Gaskin was thrown for a 3-yard loss and Jake Browning was stymied by a fierce pass rush on back-to-back plays to preserve the Tigers' victory.

Stidham was 26 of 36 for 273 yards for Auburn, including a 10-yard touchdown pass to Sal Cannella, who made a leaping grab in the end zone before landing flat on his back. Browning was 18 of 32 for 296 yards.

PENN STATE 45, APPALACHIAN STATE 38 » Amani Oruwariye intercepted Zac Thomas' pass in the end zone, and No. 10 Penn State held on to beat Appalachian State in overtime, exactly 11 years after the Mountaineers stunned Michigan in one of the biggest upsets in college football history.

Miles Sanders ran for 91 yards and two touchdowns, including the go-ahead score in overtime for the Nittany Lions in the opener for both teams. But Penn State let a 31-17 lead evaporate when Appalachian State scored on three straight possessions over 5:53 in the fourth quarter.

NOTRE DAME 24, MICHIGAN 17 » Brandon Wimbush connected on a long touchdown pass to help No. 12 Notre Dame jump out to a big first-half lead, Te'veon Coney and the defense made it stand with a late takeaway, and the Fighting Irish beat No. 14 Michigan as the rivalry returned after a three-year hiatus.



JOHN BAZEMORE — THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Auburn running back JaTarvious Whitlow celebrates with fans after the Tigers defeated Washington in a battle of top-10 teams.

OHIO STATE 77, OREGON STATE 31

With coach Urban Meyer serving a suspension, new starting quarterback Dwayne Haskins Jr. had a record-setting day, throwing five touchdown passes to help No. 5 Ohio State rout the Beavers.

OKLAHOMA 63, FLORIDA ATLANTIC 14 » A's top draft pick Kyler Murray, taking over for Heisman Trophy winner Baker Mayfield, passed for 209 yards and two touchdowns to lead No. 7 Oklahoma.

USC 43, UNLV 21 » JT Daniels, the second freshman to start at quarterback in a season opener for 15th-ranked USC, threw for 282 yards, and had a 43-yard touchdown pass to Amon-Ra St. Brown. Daniels was 22 of 35, and fellow freshman St. Brown making seven receptions for 98 yards.

BOISE STATE 56, TROY 20 » Brett Rypien passed for 305 yards and four touchdowns, and Sean Modster had 167 yards receiving, to lead No. 22 Boise State on the road. The Broncos raced to a 35-7 halftime lead over a Trojans team coming off an 11-win season, largely with the Rypien-to-Modster connection. Then, Tyler Horton and Boise State's defense mostly took over the scoring for the second half against Troy.

OREGON 58, BOWLING GREEN 24 » Justin Herbert threw for five touchdowns and ran for another score to lead the No. 24 Ducks.

WASHINGTON STATE 41, WYOMING 19

» Graduate transfer Gardner Minshew threw for 319 yards and three

touchdowns as the visiting Cougars earned the season-opening win. Minshew, who transferred from East Carolina, completed 38 of 57 attempts.

AIR FORCE 38, STONY BROOK 0 » Linebacker Kyle Johnson's early pick got the ball rolling for the defense. After that, visiting Stony Brook went nowhere.

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WEATHER WOES » Iowa State's home game against South Dakota State was canceled after a long delay because of severe storms in and around Ames, Iowa. And Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, which holds some 80,000 people, was evacuated because of a severe thunderstorm two hours after the Akron-Nebraska game went into a lightning delay. There was no immediate word on whether it would be rescheduled.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

WEST DIVISION

| | W | L | Pct | GB | WCGB | L10 | Str | Home | Away |
|-------------|----|----|------|-------|--------|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| Houston | 83 | 53 | .610 | — | — | 7-3 | W-1 | 36-32 | 47-21 |
| A's | 81 | 56 | .591 | 2 1/2 | — | 5-5 | L-1 | 40-28 | 41-28 |
| Seattle | 76 | 60 | .559 | 7 | 4 1/2 | 4-6 | W-1 | 38-28 | 38-32 |
| Los Angeles | 66 | 70 | .485 | 17 | 14 1/2 | 3-7 | L-1 | 34-34 | 32-36 |
| Texas | 59 | 77 | .434 | 24 | 21 1/2 | 3-7 | W-1 | 30-41 | 29-36 |

CENTRAL DIVISION

| | W | L | Pct | GB | WCGB | L10 | Str | Home | Away |
|-------------|----|----|------|--------|--------|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| Cleveland | 77 | 58 | .570 | — | — | 4-6 | L-1 | 42-26 | 35-32 |
| Minnesota | 63 | 72 | .467 | 14 | — | 3-7 | L-1 | 39-29 | 24-43 |
| Chicago | 54 | 82 | .397 | 23 1/2 | 26 1/2 | 6-4 | L-1 | 26-42 | 28-40 |
| Detroit | 54 | 82 | .397 | 23 1/2 | 26 1/2 | 2-8 | L-2 | 34-34 | 20-48 |
| Kansas City | 44 | 91 | .326 | 33 | 36 | 6-4 | W-4 | 24-45 | 20-46 |

EAST DIVISION

| | W | L | Pct | GB | WCGB | L10 | Str | Home | Away |
|-----------|----|----|------|--------|--------|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| Boston | 94 | 43 | .686 | — | — | 6-4 | W-1 | 48-18 | 46-25 |
| New York | 86 | 56 | .632 | 7 1/2 | — | 7-3 | W-2 | 48-23 | 38-27 |
| Tampa Bay | 72 | 63 | .533 | 21 | 8 | 8-2 | W-1 | 41-24 | 31-39 |
| Toronto | 61 | 74 | .452 | 32 | 19 | 5-5 | L-1 | 34-33 | 27-41 |
| Baltimore | 40 | 96 | .294 | 53 1/2 | 40 1/2 | 3-7 | L-2 | 24-44 | 16-52 |

NATIONAL LEAGUE

WEST DIVISION

| | W | L | Pct | GB | WCGB | L10 | Str | Home | Away |
|-------------|----|----|------|-------|--------|-----|-------|-------|-------|
| Arizona | 74 | 62 | .544 | — | 1 1/2 | 4-6 | L-2 | 35-31 | 39-31 |
| Los Angeles | 74 | 62 | .544 | — | 7-3 | W-2 | 37-34 | 37-28 | |
| Colorado | 73 | 62 | .541 | 1 1/2 | 2-5 | 5-5 | W-1 | 34-30 | 39-32 |
| Giants | 68 | 69 | .496 | 6 1/2 | 8 | 6-4 | L-1 | 39-29 | 29-40 |
| San Diego | 54 | 84 | .391 | 21 | 22 1/2 | 4-6 | L-1 | 27-44 | 27-40 |

CENTRAL DIVISION

| | W | L | Pct | GB | WCGB | L10 | Str | Home | Away |
|------------|----|----|------|--------|--------|-----|-------|-------|-------|
| Chicago | 80 | 55 | .593 | — | — | 8-2 | W-1 | 44-24 | 36-31 |
| St. Louis | 76 | 60 | .559 | 4 1/2 | — | 7-3 | L-1 | 37-30 | 39-30 |
| Milwaukee | 76 | 61 | .555 | 5 | 6-4 | L-1 | 40-26 | 36-35 | |
| Pittsburgh | 66 | 70 | .485 | 14 1/2 | 9 1/2 | 3-7 | L-1 | 35-34 | 31-36 |
| Cincinnati | 58 | 78 | .426 | 22 1/2 | 17 1/2 | 2-8 | W-1 | 32-37 | 26-41 |

EAST DIVISION

| | W | L | Pct | GB | WCGB | L10 | Str | Home | Away |
|--------------|----|----|------|--------|--------|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| Atlanta | 75 | 60 | .556 | — | — | 5-5 | W-1 | 36-31 | 39-29 |
| Philadelphia | 72 | 63 | .533 | 3 | 3 | 4-6 | L-1 | 25-43 | 29-38 |
| Washington | 68 | 68 | .500 | 7 1/2 | 7 1/2 | 5-5 | W-1 | 34-32 | 34-36 |
| New York | 60 | 75 | .444 | 15 | 15 | 5-5 | W-1 | 28-40 | 32-35 |
| Miami | 54 | 82 | .397 | 21 1/2 | 21 1/2 | 4-6 | W-1 | 32-39 | 22-43 |

Yankees 2, Tigers 1

| | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
|-------------|--------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|------|
| Detroit | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | .250 |
| Atlanta | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | .293 |
| Castro | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .291 |
| Martinez | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .251 |
| Goodrum | 3 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .234 |
| Rodriguez | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .205 |
| a-Cendrio | ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .225 |
| Greiner | c | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .221 |
| Jones | cf | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | .207 |
| Lugo | 2b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .333 |
| Totals | 33 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 8 | 2 | |
| New York | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
| McCutchen | r3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .254 |
| Shaw | t4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .273 |
| Stanton | dh | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .253 |
| Hicks | cf | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .252 |
| Andujar | 3b | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .297 |
| Hechavarria | ss | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .254 |
| Sanchez | c | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .185 |
| Torres | ss-2b | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | .282 |
| Voit | 1b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | .298 |
| 1-Wade | 2b-3b | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .186 |
| Walker | 2b-1b3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .221 |
| Gardner | lf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .239 |
| Totals | 26 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 10 | |
| Detroit | 100 | 000 | 000 | 000 | 1 | 9 | |
| New York | 000 | 020 | 000 | 000 | 2 | 20 | |

a-struck out for Rodriguez in the 9th; 1-run for Voit in the 7th.

E: Goodrum (12); LOB: Detroit (8); HR: Torres (22), off Norris; RBIs: Martinez (48), Torres (2) (64); SB: Jones (10), Wade (1); SF: Martinez; S: Rodriguez; Runners left in scoring position: Detroit 4 (Adduci 2, Rodriguez, Jones), New York 4 (Stanton 2, Sanchez, Gardner); RISP: Detroit 2 for 9, New York 0 for 4; Runners moved up: Walker, LIDP; Sanchez; GIDP; Martinez; DP: Detroit 1 (Goodrum, Aducci), New York 1 (Wade, Torres, Walker).

Detroit IP HR ERBBSONERA

Norris 4/1 2 2 1 7 68 5.49

VerHagen 2/3 0 0 0 2 0 15 4.99

Farmer 1/3 1 0 0 1 26 4.77

Stumpf 2/3 0 0 0 0 1 15 5.68

Alcantara 1 0 0 0 1 17 2.82

New York IP HR ERBBSONERA

Tanka 7 1 1 1 6 9.83

Holder 1 1 0 0 0 1 8 3.12

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GIANTS

Giants lose contact with offense in loss to Mets

By Kerry Crowley
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SAN FRANCISCO » Neither the Mets nor the Giants make scoring runs look easy, but on Saturday, simply putting the ball in play proved to be an immense challenge for the two teams.

The clubs combined for 20 strikeouts over the first nine innings and 26 total punchouts, and the team that made the most contact wound up on top.

After 11 innings of lackluster offense from both teams, the Mets broke through and the Giants lost 2-1.

"We had a lot of strikeouts and a lot looking," manager Bruce Bochy said. "We just couldn't mount anything offensively."

In the top of the 11th, right-hander Hunter Strickland allowed a leadoff double to Wilmer Flores and a one-out sacrifice fly to Todd Frazier, which was all the damage the Mets needed to do to defeat a Giants club that managed just three hits.

"Three hits in extra innings, that makes it tough for you," Bochy said.

Over their last 56 innings, the Giants have given up just six runs but still managed to lose two of the six games they've played in the last week.

Nothing has come easily for the Giants in 2018, so even after Derek Holland turned in another gem, it should come as no surprise Saturday's game came down to the wire against the Mets.

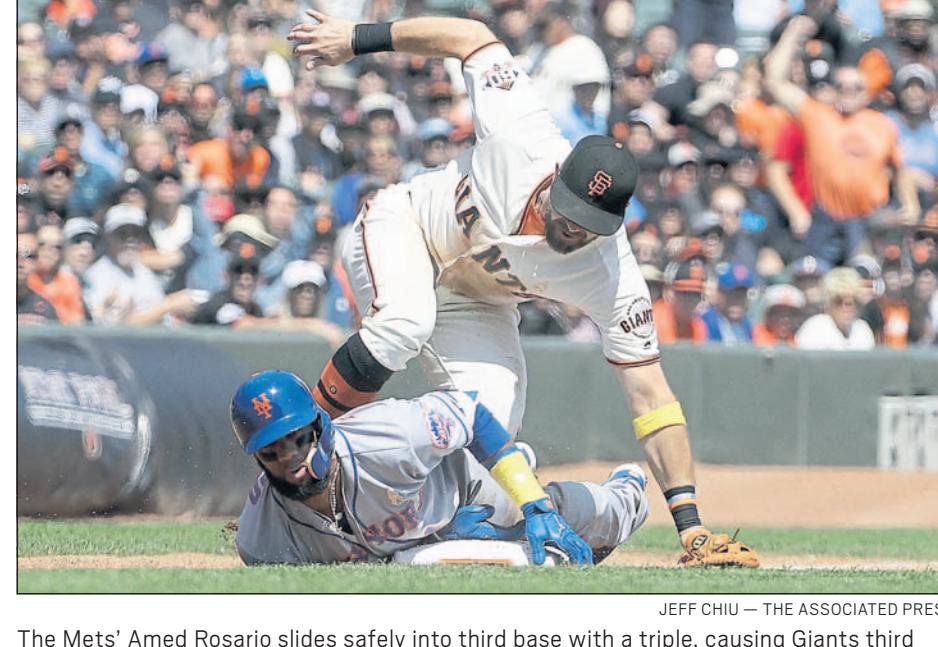
Holland wasn't a marquee free agent last offseason, but he found an opportunity with the Giants and was promised a chance to compete for a role on their 2018 staff in spring training. While Bochy liked Holland best as a starter, it wasn't clear if he would break camp with the club as a member of the rotation or the bullpen until Madison Bumgarner and Jeff Samardzija suffered late-spring injuries.

While Holland was reassigned to a bullpen role in early July, he rejoined the starting staff at the end of July and has been a leading force for one of the most effective rotations in baseball.

"I've got a good staff helping me out and keeping me out on the field," Holland said. "Working with (Matt) Herges and Curt (Young), these guys have done a great job of putting me in different spots, going out of the 'pen and coming in as a starter. Moving me on the rubber, it's all helping me."

Since a July 25 start in Seattle, Holland has allowed two runs or fewer runs in seven of his eight starts, including the one he made against the Mets on Saturday. The veteran benefitted from the slick defense of shortstop Ales Hanson, who erased a scoring opportunity for New York in the top of the sixth.

With two outs in the inning, Mets left fielder Michael Conforto hit a dribbler to Hanson on the left side of the infield that allowed Frazier to reach third. But instead of holding up at the bag, New York's third base-



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The Mets' Amed Rosario slides safely into third base with a triple, causing Giants third baseman Evan Longoria to lose his balance during the third inning Saturday at AT&T Park.

man turned toward home and was thrown out trying to scamper back to third on a heads-up throw by Hanson.

"That was awesome," Holland said. "I was going to be pretty upset if he got the hit 'cause I made a good pitch and jammed him, and that was a great play by Hanson."

Holland dropped his season ERA to 3.56 with another quality start. Since the beginning of June, the left-hander has performed even better than his numbers indicate and posted a 2.65 ERA over his last 19 appearances.

Like all Giants pitchers, Holland has suffered from a lack of run support, but the club had still managed to win five of his last six starts entering Saturday.

Third baseman Evan Longoria hit his team-leading 15th home run of the season in the fourth inning, but that was the only support the Giants offense gave its pitchers. Rookie right fielder Austin Slater added two hits, but the Giants struck out 16 times, their most since a 17-strikeout game May 8 in Philadelphia.

Bochy said shortstop Brandon Crawford sat out Saturday's game due to a sore left knee.

Crawford is "day-to-day" and was available to pinch hit, but Bochy wanted to keep him off the field.

The Giants may add another shortstop to their roster in the coming days. Abiatal Avelino is a candidate to join the club in September. Avelino was acquired in the

McCutchen trade and will report to Triple-A Sacramento to play three games with the River Cats. The Giants must protect Avelino on the 40-man roster this offseason, so they may look to evaluate the former Yankees prospect over the final weeks of the season.

September call-ups began Saturday and while several teams added at least a half-dozen players, the Giants promoted just one. Reliever Ray Black rejoined the club Saturday, but Bochy said more help is on the way. The Giants are waiting for the Triple-A season to end Monday before bringing in additional players.

The team has not announced if top starting prospect Shaun Anderson will be among the players joining the Giants.

THE SCORE

METS 2, GIANTS 1 (11 INN.)

Up next: Mets (Syndergaard 9-3) at Giants (Stratton 9-7), today, 1 p.m., NBCBA

Mets 2, Giants 1

| New York | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Rosario ss | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .249 |
| Flores 2b | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .271 |
| Bruce 1b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | .128 |
| Frazier 3b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | .227 |
| Conforto lf | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .232 |
| Jackson cf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .275 |
| Nimmo rf | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .267 |
| Nido c | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .170 |
| Matz p | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .075 |
| Lugo p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .091 |
| b-McNeil ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .317 |
| Blevins p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .500 |
| Gsellman p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| Totals | 37 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 10 | |
| San Fran | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg |
| Hernandez cf | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | .246 |
| Slater rf | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .282 |
| Longoria 3b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .244 |
| Hundley c | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .232 |
| Belt 1b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | .261 |
| Pence lf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | .217 |
| Hanson ss | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | .260 |
| Panik 2b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .245 |
| Holland p | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .064 |
| Dyson p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Melancon p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| a-Shaw ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .000 |
| Smith p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Moronta p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| c-Blanco ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 35 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | .242 |
| New York | 000 | 010 | 000 | 01 | 2 | 7 | |
| San Fran | 000 | 100 | 000 | 000 | 000 | 1 | 3 |

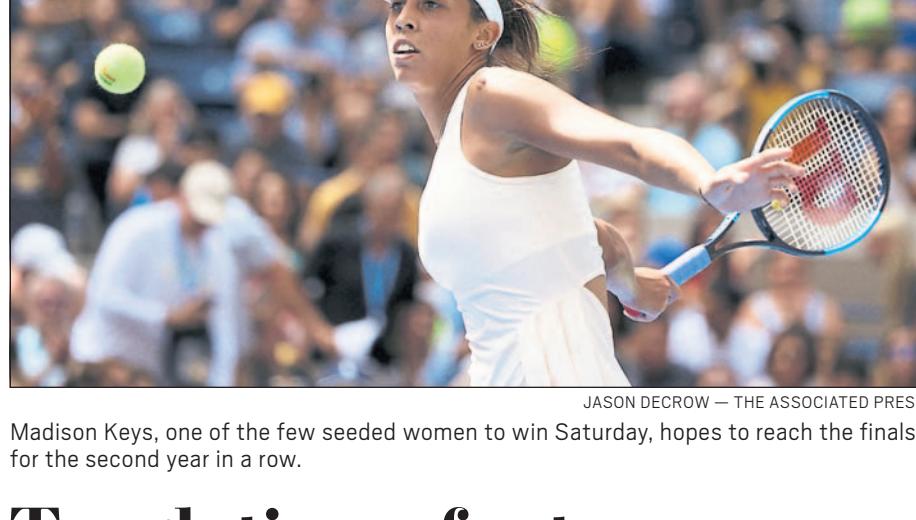
a-struck out for Melancon in the 8th; b-struck out for Lugo in the 10th; c-grounded out for Strickland in the 11th.

E: Rosario (12); LOB: New York 6, San Francisco 4; 2B: Flores (25), Nido (2); 3B: Rosario (7); HR: Longoria (4), off Matz; RBIs: Frazier (53), Nido (4), Longoria (46); SB: Frazier (9), Pence (4); SF: Frazier; S: Holland; Runners left in scoring position: New York 2 (Rosario, Flores), San Francisco 2 (Slater, Cano); RISP: New York 1 for 5, San Francisco 0 for 3; GDP: Nimmo, Longoria.

New York IP HR ER BBSO NPERA

| New York | IP | HR | ER | BBSO | NPERA | |
|---|----|----|----|------|------------|---------|
| Matz | 7 | 3 | 1 | 111 | .93 .240 | |
| Lugo | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .21 .280 | |
| Blevins | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | .23 .75 |
| Gsellman | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 17 .377 |
| San Fran IP HR ER BBSO NPERA | | | | | | |
| Holland | 6 | 4 | 1 | 3 | .3106 .356 | |
| Dyson | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 .274 |
| Melancon | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 .273 |
| Smith | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 10 .176 |
| Moronta | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 14 .208 |
| Strickland | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 15 .303 |
| W: Blevins 2-2; L: Strickland 3-4; S: Gsellman 9; Umpires: Home, Chad Fairchild, First, Kerwin Danley, Second, Bruce Dreckman, Third, Mike Estabrook; T: 2:56; A: 38,875 (41,915). | | | | | | |

U.S. OPEN



JASON DECROW — THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Madison Keys, one of the few seeded women to win Saturday, hopes to reach the finals for the second year in a row.

Tough times for top women

By Dan Gelston

The Associated Press

NEW YORK » Dickie V found a totally awesome PTP'er in the U.S. Open's women's bracket.

His pick is on point — Madison Keys knows how to make a Final Four.

"Madison's backhand is lethal!" Vitale tweeted Saturday from the Open. "Her physical skills r (hash)awesomebab."

Keys was one of the fortunate favorites in the Open, as she survived-and-advanced to the Sweet 16. But much like Vitale would say in a March stuffed with busted brackets, the women's side is loaded with upset specials.

Wimbledon champion Angelique Kerber was eliminated, leaving none of this year's Grand Slam winners left in the U.S. Open. And No. 5 Petra Kvitova lost later, meaning only three of the top 13 women's seeds remain in the field. And it's still just Week 1 in Flushing Meadows.

It's similar to the way things went at the last major tournament: For the first time in Wimbledon history, none of the top five women's seeds reached the round of 16. And only one of the top 10 made it to the second week there.

On Saturday in New York, No. 29 seed Dominika Cibulkova rallied to beat the fourth-seeded Kerber 3-6, 6-3, 6-3. No. 26 Aryna Sabalenka beat Kvitova 7-5, 6-1 at night.

"I was not able actually to play my best tennis in the important moment," Kerber said.

Join the club.

Top-ranked Simona Halep, the French Open champion, was eliminated in the first round. Australian Open champion Caroline Wozniacki, the No. 2 seed, fell in the second. Only No. 3 seed and defending champion Sloane Stephens remains among the top six women.

On Saturday alone, No. 6 Caroline Garcia, No. 10 Jelena Ostapenko and No. 13 Kiki Bertens were eliminated, too.

The early stunners seem to clear the field for No. 17 seed — oh, and six-time champion — Serena Williams to move in on another title.

"I think she's playing really good tennis," Keys said.

Maybe the losses are a case — or curse

U.S. OPEN AT A GLANCE

SATURDAY'S KEY RESULTS

Men: No. 2 Federer def. No. 30 Kyrgios 6-4, 6-1, 7-5; No. 6 Djokovic def. No. 26 Gasquet 6-2, 6-3, 6-3.

Women: No. 14 Keys def. Krunic; No. 20 Cibulkova def. No. 4 Kerber 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

TODAY'S KEY MATCHES

Men: No. 1 Nadal vs. Basilashvili; No. 11 Isner vs. No. 25 Raonic.

Women: Kanepi vs. No. 17 S. Williams; No. 3 Stephens vs. No. 15 Mertens.

TV: 8 a.m. ESPN, 4 p.m. ESPN2

— of the Louis Armstrong blues.

Raiders

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high in the 2019 draft.

"My whole thought process was to get Khalil in here," McKenzie said. "It was here at the end, in the final hour, that it hit. It hit hard and heavy. It was not the plan to trade him at all."

The two sides were never close on a deal, and the last offer Oakland made to its star defensive end came before the start of the league year on March 14. Asked if McKenzie was open to trading Mack all along or if this move was Jon Gruden-driven, McKenzie said:

"All of us, Gru, myself, everybody in the organization wanted Khalil to be a Raider. We presented him with an offer, and we got that counter back, talked about it . . . what they were demanding, it just wasn't going to work."

Mack hadn't reported to the Raiders yet amid a holdout, as he was seeking a long-term extension entering the fifth year of his rookie contract. Mack was set to make more than \$13.8 million in 2018, but

agent Joel Segal and Mack felt he should be compensated as one of the best defensive players, if not the best, in the NFL.

Donald pulled in the richest defensive deal in NFL history Friday, when he agreed to a six-year extension worth \$135 million with \$87 million guaranteed. That's an average of \$22.5 million per year, which Segal wanted to top for his client.

The Raiders evidently weren't willing to go that high, and are now moving on from the player they drafted fifth overall in 2014.

"You want to have your best player here," coach Gruden, who speaks at 5 p.m. today, said on Aug. 15. "This guy is really a great guy, too. I'm disappointed we don't have him here. Going to try to get him here as soon as we can. In the time being, you got to move on. You've got to get up and go to work."

Veteran Tank Carradine had been the first-team defensive end opposite Bruce Irvin in Mack's place, with rookie Arden Key showing he's a prominent piece for the future defensive line. Well, the future is here

sooner than anyone thought it would be not long ago, and the third-rounder out of LSU will have some big shoes to fill in his debut season.

Mack, 27, won defensive player of the year in 2016. He made three Pro Bowls in his first four seasons and was named a first-team All-Pro in 2015 and 2016. He established himself as one of the game's best pass rushers, if not the best, and gave the struggling Raiders hope for the future.

In the last three seasons, Mack has recorded sack totals of 15, 11 and 10.5. The Raiders were among the worst teams in the league last season in taking down the quarterback, hence they moved Irvin to defensive end and drafted Key, defensive tackle P.J. Hall and defensive tackle Maurice Hurst.

"I think it's fair to say that we would all love to have Khalil here," quarterback Derek Carr said during training camp. "If I tried to answer it politically correct and all those things, we all know that we want him back. We all know that when it comes to how things are done and all

of that, I don't go to that. I have been in contact with him. He's my brother. We came in the same class. We're going to leave together some day. I'm fully confident with where Khalil is at and where our team is at. Obviously we want him back, but again I try not to step into that. He was over at the house and we didn't talk about it one time. We played pool basketball and I dunked on him."

Mack was loved in the Raiders locker room, and you have to think no players will be happy with this move, regardless of what the Raiders got in return. The fan base is certainly incensed with Gruden, but this was clearly a mammoth offer he and the Raiders couldn't refuse after they weren't willing to pay Mack as much as the Rams paid Donald.

Irvin tweeted Saturday morning, "No (expletive) way" about his fellow defensive end's reported trade, before following up that tweet with, "What a shock. Now move on and win. time to beat the Rams!!" Carr tweeted, "No way," as well.

"It's going to sting with

them, as players protecting themselves," McKenzie said. "That's the way it should be. They're going to miss Khalil. I'm going to miss Khalil. Let's make that point known now. But we all will move on also."

McCarron lone backup to Carr after cuts

Asked after a win against the Packers on Aug. 24 if he thought his backup quarterback was on the roster, Gruden replied, "I don't know," before saying he'd see which quarterbacks are available.

Well, apparently the Bills were willing to make AJ McCarron available. The Raiders sent a 2019 fifth-round pick back East for McCarron, who now serves as Carr's lone backup. The Raiders waived Connor Cook and released EJ Manuel, less than two days after the latter completed 18 of 22 passes for 255 yards and three touchdowns in the preseason finale against the Seahawks.

Bryant among notables let go

Martavis Bryant never

played in a game for the Raiders, who cut the talented but inconsistent wide receiver Saturday. ESPN first reported that Bryant violated the NFL's drug program again this offseason and the league plans to suspend him.

Clearly the Raiders wanted none of that, and nothing to do with a receiver Gruden called the "White Tiger" for how infrequently he showed up. The Raiders traded a third-round pick in April's draft for Bryant, and now they have neither.

Mario Edwards Jr. never quite lived up to his second-round billing after the Raiders selected him there in 2015. Edwards began the preseason as a starter on the defensive line, but impressive rookies Maurice Hurst and P.J. Hall pushed him off the roster.

The Raiders parted ways with Edwards, who suffered too many injuries to string together consistent success.

Now the Raiders won't roster their second-round picks from 2013 (Menelik Watson), 2015 (Edwards), 2016 (Jihad Ward) and 2017 (Obi Melifonwu) this season.

McDonald

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It wasn't clear at the time, but the die was cast for Mack to leave the building the moment Carr signed his five-year, \$125 million contract. Carr had to be signed first because he was a second-round draft pick and thus had no fifth-year option.

It was then up to the Raiders to construct a roster which could bring aboard two players that make more than \$20 million per year — something no team has faced. McKenzie had worked toward that goal.

It's a sign that Gruden has changed in terms of his view of a franchise that he's willing to part with his best player to build for a better future. When he was traded from the Raiders to the Bucs, Gruden wasn't happy when general manager Rich McKay wasn't aggressive enough in procuring players for the here and now. Some 16 years later, Gruden is taking the long-term view.

But getting back to the crux of the matter, if the Raiders had to sign either Carr or Mack, they chose the right guy.

They didn't take care of their best player financially and instead rewarded their most valuable one.

It's a league built on quarterbacks, and the Raiders are all-in on Carr. If the contract extension wasn't proof, then bringing in Gruden to be his coach and essentially his partner is evidence of which side of the ball is the most valued.

Hard as it is to part with a talent like Mack, there was really no choice for the Raiders once they determined they couldn't or wouldn't have two mega stars with mega contracts.

It didn't matter that Carr and Mack came in together, are close friends and even had a Twitter exchange (since deleted) where Mack said he missed playing and Carr said he missed Mack.

In a conference call with Bay Area media,



Derek Carr and Khalil Mack, who joined the team in the same year, celebrate in happier times with the Raiders.

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McKenzie said the Carr and Mack contracts weren't intertwined in any way, but at the same time said the two sides simply weren't close when it came making a deal.

"Everyone in the organization wanted Khalil to be a Raider," McKenzie said. "What they were demanding, it just wasn't going to work."

Coach Jon Gruden needs get the most out of quarterback Derek Carr.

Gruden caught a lot of heat for telling the NFL Network the Raiders weren't a very good defensive team with Mack on the field. Never mind that it's true -- the Raiders weren't very good. In fact, they were awful.

In 2016, it was Mack who won the NFL's defensive player of the year

and was named All-Pro at two different positions. Yet it was Carr and the offense that got the Raiders to 12-3 before the quarterback was injured on Christmas Eve.

As soon as Carr left the field, the Raiders fell apart, and there was nothing Khalil Mack or Deacon Jones or Lawrence Taylor or Ray Lewis or Dick Butkus or any defensive player you care to name could have done about it. In the modern era of football, there doesn't exist a player on defense that can have even remotely the same impact as a quarterback.

With that in mind, you can make the argument that giving nearly \$20 million more in guaranteed money to a defensive end than you're giving your franchise quarterback is

not sound economic strategy. According to Spottac, the Bears guaranteed Mack \$90 million, while Carr checks in at \$70,200,000.

Raiders defensive end Bruce Irvin, a proponent of signing Mack, pretty much summed up how his team will react with a profane tweet followed up in short order by another expressing shock but vowing to move on and beat the Rams in Week 1.

Players are businessmen first and athletes second, and that's as it should be. They play on a team but are governed by their own self-interest. They understand that Mack was using the only leverage he had to get his maximum value. And they will work in such a way to ensure they get their own maximum value as

well, whether it's from the Raiders or somewhere else.

Irvin won't go in the tank because Mack isn't around, nor will his teammates. Going into a catatonic state because Mack is gone won't put any more dollars in their pocket. In fact, they'll need to be better to compensate for his loss. It's the only approach that makes sense, both for the players as well as Gruden and defensive coordinator Paul Guenther.

And here's the thing about the Raiders' defense: it will be better, probably by a considerable margin, than anything we've seen in recent years. Granted, considering some of the defenses the Raiders have trotted out in the last decade or so, that is faint praise.

But if Guenther, some

intriguing young talent and a host of new acquisitions can get the Raiders from terrible to average in a year, the loss of Mack, although a shock at the moment, won't seem so bad.

Nor will it seem bad if the Bears are still awful or if Mack is injured.

It's Gruden's job to make Carr all he can be, because that would be the real disaster if the Raiders can't get the player who dominates their salary structure to also dominate on the field.

Gruden and Carr are tied at the hip when it comes to the lame duck years in Oakland as well as the early Las Vegas years. Their success together will determine whether the Khalil Mack trade is a disaster or a historical footnote.

49ers

FROM PAGE 1

the 49ers' roster got pared to the 53-man limit prior to the 1 p.m. deadline. The media had no previous notice or access to Saturday's practice.

Shanahan said a "bad MRI" would lead to the 49ers placing McKinnon on injured reserve as he faces reconstructive surgery and about a year of rehabilitation.

Among those cut Saturday were running back Jeremy McNichols and Jeff Wilson. On Friday, the 49ers released running back Joe Williams, a 2017 fourth-round draft pick who sustained a rib fracture two weeks ago.

"We're concerned, but we're also confident," gen-

eral manager John Lynch said. "We've got a lot of good football players here, and we're proud of our 53-man roster. Next week we're going to be really excited looking to take on the Vikings."

In the wake of McKinney's calf strain and Breida's Aug. 9 shoulder separation, the 49ers signed Morris two weeks ago, reuniting Morris with Shanahan from their Washington days in 2012-13. The only other running back on the current roster is Raheem Mostert, who's more of a special teams ace.

Shanahan said Breida returned to practice Saturday, as did tight end George Kittle, who also sustained a shoulder separation in the exhibition opener.

The 49ers signed McK-



JOSE CARLOS FAJARDO — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

49ers running back Jerick McKinnon signed a four-year, \$30 million contract in March.

innon, a former Minnesota Vikings backup, to a whopping four-year, \$30 million deal as free agency opened in March. He started the Aug. 9 exhibition against the Dallas Cowboys and was held to minus-4 yards

on three carries while also making a 7-yard catch.

The 49ers pursued a trade for Raiders pass rusher Khalil Mack before the Chicago Bears nabbed him with an extensive offer, including two first-round

edge rusher we think is better than one of our 10 guys and can come play for us, that's what we'll do."

Saturday's 21 players cut also included guard Jonathan Cooper, wide receivers Aaron Burbridge and Steve Dunbar, tight end Cole Hikutini, linebackers Pita Taumoepenu and Korey Toomer, cornerback Tarvarus McFadden, and quarterback Nick Mullens, the latter of whom Shanahan said will return to the practice squad.

Offensive lineman Erik Magnuson and safety Marcell Harris are candidates to go on injured reserve because of hamstring injuries, especially Harris, Shanahan said. Offensive tackle Garry Gilliam remains in the concussion protocol, three weeks after getting hurt.

Odds**PREGAME.COM LINE****Major League Baseball****NATIONAL LEAGUE**

| Favorite | Line | Underdog |
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| New York | -145/+135 | at Giants |
| LA Dodgers | -150/+140 | Arizona |
| at Washington | -105/+105 | Milwaukee |
| at Philadelphia | -143/+133 | Chicago |
| at St. Louis | -172/+160 | Cincinnati |
| Colorado | -144/+134 | at San Diego |
| at Atlanta | -148/+138 | Pittsburgh |

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| at A's | -150/+140 | Arizona |
| at New York | -235/+215 | Detroit |
| Boston | -174/+162 | at Chicago |
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| at Philadelphia | 2½ (45) | Atlanta |
| Sunday | | |
| at Minnesota | 6 (46) | 49ers |
| LA Chargers | 3 (47½) | Kansas City |
| Pittsburgh | 5½ (46½) | at Cleveland |
| at Indianapolis | 3 (47) | Cincinnati |
| Baltimore | 7 (41) | Buffalo |
| Jacksonville | 3 (43½) | at NY Giants |
| at New Orleans | 9½ (49½) | Tampa Bay |
| New England | 6½ (51) | Houston |
| Tennessee | 1 (45½) | at Miami |
| Denver | 3 (42) | Seattle |
| at Carolina | 2½ (43) | Dallas |
| Arizona | PK (44) | Washington |
| Monday | 8 (47½) | Chicago |
| LA Rams | 3½ (49½) | at Raiders |
| at Detroit | 6½ (44) | NY Jets |

Transactions**BASEBALL****American League**

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| Boston Red Sox: Recalled LHPs Bobby Poyer and Robbie Scott, RHP William Cuevas, INF Tzu-Wei Lin, and 1B OF Sam Travis from Pawtucket (IL). Activated LHP Eduardo Rodriguez, C Christian Vazquez and RHP Steve Wright from the 10-day DL. |
| New York Yankees: Acquired SS Adeiny Hechavarria from Pittsburgh for a player to be named or cash. Designated LHP Ryan Bollinger for assignment. Reinstated Gaby Sanchez from the 10-day DL. Recalled RHP Luis Cessa and INF Tyler Wade from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. Signed LHP Stephen Tarpley to a major league contract and selected him from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. Designated OF Shane Robinson for assignment. |
| Athletics: Recalled LHP Danny Coulombe and INF Franklin Barreto from Nashville (PCL). Selected the contracts of RHPs Chris Hatcher and Liam Hendriks, LHD Dean Kiekehefer and C Beau Taylor from Nashville. Reinstituted OF Matt Joyce from the 10-day DL. Designated C Bruce Maxwell for assignment. Sent RHP Josh Lucas and OF Boog Powell outright to Nashville. Recalled RHP Kendall Graveman from Nashville and placed him on the 60-day DL. |
| Seattle Mariners: Reinstated LHP James Paxton from the 10-day DL. Recalled RHPs Chasen Bradford and Ryan Cook, C David Freitas and LHP James Pazos from Tacoma (PCL). Selected the contracts of RHP Justin Grimm and INF-OF Kristopher Negron from Tacoma. Sent RHP Christian Bergman outright to Tacoma. Designated RHP Rob Whalen for assignment. |
| Texas Rangers: Activated RHP Bartolo Colon and OF Delino DeShields from the 10-day DL. Recalled LHP Zac Curtis from Round Rock (PCL). |

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| Giants: Recalled RHP Ray Black from Sacramento (PCL). |
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| NFL: Suspended Oakland CB Daryl Worley the first four games of the season for violating the NFL's policy on substance abuse and personal conduct. |
| 49ers: Placed DL Kenneth Street on the reserve-NFL list. Placed WR Victor Bolden Jr. and LB Reuben Foster on the reserve/suspended list. Released DL Jeremiah Attaochu, WR Aaron Burbridge, G Jonathan Cooper, WR Steven Dunbar Jr., TE Ross Dwelley, DB Antoine Exum Jr., TE Cole Hikutini, FB Malcolm Johnson, OL Andrew Launderdale, DB Dexter McColl, CB Tarvarus McFadden, RB Jeremy McNichols, CB Emmanuel Moseley, QB Nick Mullens, DB Tyvis Powell, DL Niles Scott, OL Coleman Shelton, LB Pita Taumoepeu, LB Korey Toomer, OL Najeem Toran and RB Jeff Wilson Jr. |
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| Carolina Panthers: Acquired OT Corey Robinson from Detroit for an undisclosed 2020 draft choice. |
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Weekend football scoreboard

Thursday

Wilcox 37, San Benito 6
Friday
 Aptos 56, Aragon 21
 Sacred Heart Prep 15, Burlingame 13
 Capuchino 40, South San Francisco 6
 Terra Nova 21, Carlmont 10
 Live Oak 33, Christopher 31
 Cupertino 42, Monta Vista 15
 Leland 46, Fremont 7
 Gilroy 15, Soledad 13
 Palo Alto 45, Half Moon Bay 7
 Independence 34, Hillsdale 7
 Branhams 49, Homestead 27
 The King's Academy 37, Monte Vista Christian 14
 James Lick 52, Gunn 36
 Los Gatos 45, Leigh 0
 Marina 36, Lynbrook 0
 Menlo-Atherton 28, Mitty 21
 Willow Glen 41, Mt. Pleasant 14
 North Salinas 39, Mountain View 0
 St. Francis 35, Oak Grove 7

Palma 17, Sacred Heart Cathedral 14
 Pioneer 34, Gunderson 0
 Westmont 16, Prospect 12
 Overfelt 30, Santa Clara 0
 San Mateo 13, Santa Teresa 7
 Silver Creek 27, Saratoga 13
 Soquel 34, Evergreen Valley 13
 Woodside 35, Sequoia 32
 San Lorenzo Valley 35,
 Yerba Buena 0
 Alhambra 35, College Park 13
 Amador Valley 42,
 American Canyon 13
 Alameda 60, American 14
 Antioch 34, San Leandro 13
 Benicia 42, Maria Carrillo 35
 Castro Valley 60,
 Newark Memorial 27
 Clayton Valley 48, Concord 0
 De La Salle 58, Bishop O'Dowd 16
 Encinal 22, De Anza 7
 Foothill 36, Berkeley 6
 California 42, Freedom 27
 Hercules 32, Mt. Diablo 0

Heritage 42, Kennedy-Fremont 7
 Kennedy-Richmond 6,
 Sonoma Valley 0
 Las Lomas 41, Miramonte 13
 Monte Vista 55, Analy 0
 Moreau Catholic 50, Salesian 22
 Pinole Valley 42, Mt. Eden 18
 Rancho Cotate 30, El Cerrito 7
 Tennyson 49, Irvington 0
 Bellarmine 13, Clovis North 12
 Skyline 34, Mills 13
 Milpitas 35, Ganesha 0
 Mar Vista 34, San Jose 0
 Valley Christian 27, Pleasant Valley-Chico 14
 Harker 40,
 Washington-San Francisco 6
 Acalanes 48,
 Rodriguez-Fairfield 27
 Castlemont 40, Arroyo 17
 Centennial-Corona 35, Pittsburg 7
 Wood-Vacaville 20, Deer Valley 8
 Dublin 59, Laguna Creek 0
 Liberty 42, McClymonds 14

Granada 35, Manteca 14
 Montgomery 28, Oakland 6
 Burton 50, Richmond 20
 California School for the Deaf 30,
 San Juan-Citrus Heights 2
 Muir-Pasadena 29, Stellar Prep 6
 Brookside Christian-Stockton 24,
 Ygnacio Valley 14

Saturday

Jefferson at Los Altos
 Middletown 14, Berean Christian 13
 Logan at Fortuna, late
 Hayward at Washington-Fremont,
 late
 Swett at St. Mary's-Berkeley, late
 San Lorenzo at Tamalpais, late
 Serra 41, Elk Grove 17
 Piedmont at Menlo, late
 San Ramon Valley 55, Riordan 0
 Campolindo 34, St. Ignatius 21
 Northgate vs. Santa Clarita Christian-Canyon Country at College of Canyons, late

**DE LA SALLE 58,
BISHOP O'DOWD 16**

Spartans erupt on offense

By Mike Lefkow

CONCORD » In three games this season, De La Salle has won them all, by a combined score of 107-23. None of the games have been perfect, according to the DLS coaches.

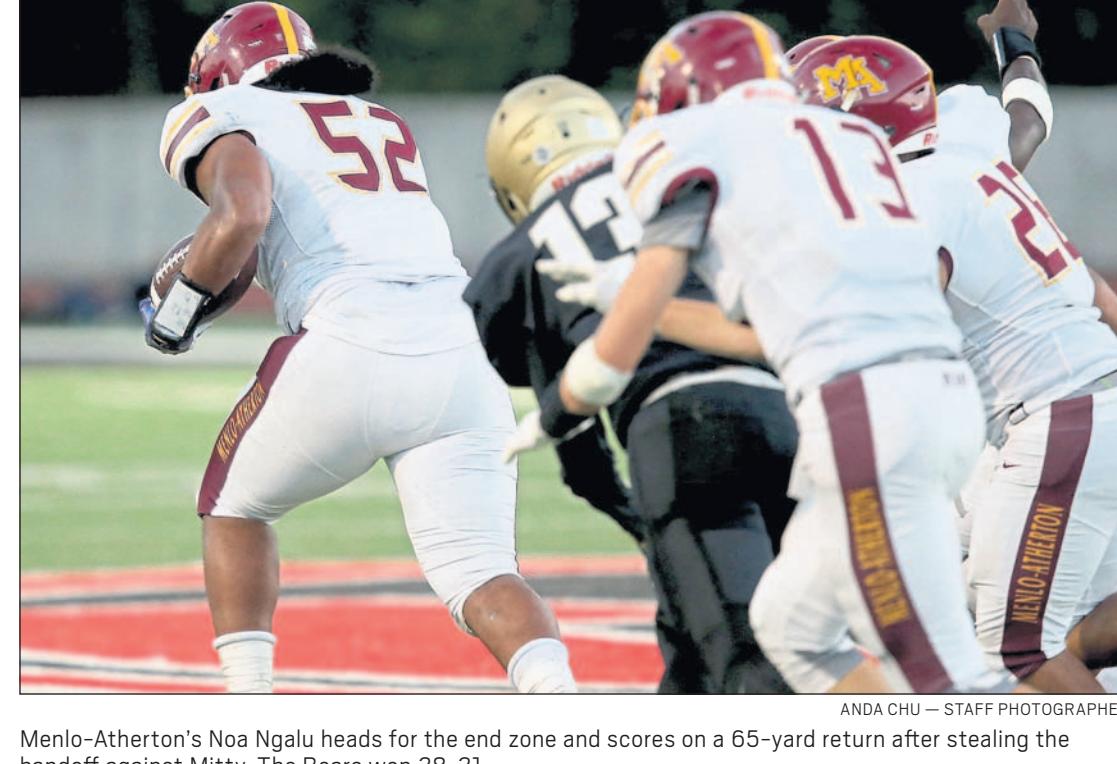
But the Spartans came pretty close on Friday night, running past a good Bishop O'Dowd team 58-16 before a crowd that included former Raiders coach John Madden, who was there to see his grandson quarterback the O'Dowd junior varsity.

Madden was gone by halftime of the varsity game, as the Spartans scored 38 points in the second quarter to turn a close contest into a 44-10 rout at the break. Twenty-three of those points came during a 2:36 stretch late in the second period, when DLS scored on a 15-yard run by Henry To'oto'o, a 21-yard interception return by Isaiah Foskey, a safety on a quarterback sack in the end zone, and another To'oto'o touchdown run, this one from two yards.

It was 21-10 when De La Salle went on its run, and the Spartans scored two more second-half touchdowns before O'Dowd running back Austin Jones turned in an electrifying 80-yard run to cap the scoring.

All three four-star recruits turned in great performances. Foskey had his pick-six, To'oto'o scored both DLS offensive touchdowns during that 23-0 run, and Jones scored two touchdowns. De La Salle junior James Coby electrified the crowd by returning the second-half kickoff 89 yards for a score.

De La Salle outgained Bishop O'Dowd 426-302. But Jones, the Stanford-bound running back and one of the top high school prospects in California, accounted for 252 of those yards.

MENLO-ATHERTON 28, MITTY 21


ANDA CHU — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Menlo-Atherton's Noa Ngalu heads for the end zone and scores on a 65-yard return after stealing the handoff against Mitty. The Bears won 28-21.

Bears outlast Monarchs in early-season showdown

By Darren Sabedra

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LOS ALTOS HILLS » It's still early and obviously things can change. But at this point in the young season, Menlo-Atherton and Archbishop Mitty are trending in the right direction.

They played a high-level game Friday night befitting of each's Bay Area News Group ranking before M-A emerged with a 28-21 victory at Foothill College.

Justin Anderson scored on a 1-yard keeper with 5:27 left to break a 21-21 tie, and M-A's defense made two stops down the stretch — the last in the final minute — to preserve the seventh-ranked Bears' second consecutive win over a West Catholic Athletic League team.

Last year, M-A lost to Bellarmine and Mitty to start the season.

This year, the Bears are 2-0 after beating those same teams.

“We worked extra hard in practice, and we wanted Mitty,” said linebacker Daniel Heimuli, a major-college prospect who led a charged defense. “This one was a big one.”

The game was much tighter than the 28-0 win over Bellarmine last week as 14th-ranked

Mitty stormed back in the third quarter. Two touchdown passes from Shamir Bey to Jonah Advinula — the first from 6 yards out, the second on third-and-9 from 59 yards away — pulled the Monarchs even 21-21. Bey finished with 206 yards passing and three touchdowns.

But M-A answered.

“Proud of our guys the way they battled,” M-A coach Adhir Ravipati said. “The second half, they showed some resolve. They found a way to win.”

Mitty opened its season with a 42-14 rout of Oakdale at the Honor Bowl and continued the

momentum on its first series Friday, driving for a touchdown. Bey's 3-yard pass to Reymello Murphy in the front corner of the end zone made it 7-0.

But M-A responded quickly, tying the score on a 20-yard touchdown pass from Anderson to Malik Johnson.

The Bears went ahead 14-7 in the second quarter on the most unusual plays. One moment, Mitty was marching for a go-ahead score. The next, 6-2, 280-pound tackle Noa Ngalu stole a handoff and rumbled 65 yards to the end zone for an M-A touchdown.

“I saw the ball in the air and I had to get to it before it touched the floor,” said Ngalu, a Washington commit. “Right when I got it, I had the whole team behind me.”

Was he thinking six?

“I thought I was going to get caught from behind,” Ngalu said, laughing. “But happily I didn’t.”

LIBERTY 42, MCCLYMONDS 14

Lions end Mack's win streak

By Logan Murdock

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OAKLAND » The Liberty Lions trounced McClymonds 42-14 in an impressive road victory Friday, snapping the Warriors' 26-game winning streak.

Liberty, which came into the game ranked third in the Bay Area News Group poll, got on the board early, recovering a blocked punt on Mack's 6-yard line in the first quarter. Two plays later, Lions quarterback Jay Butterfield found Brenden Bell on a five-yard slant route to put Liberty up 7-0.

Following a Mack fumble the ensuing possession, Butterfield found Sione Vaki on a 21-yard touchdown pass.

A week after Mack coach called his team's performance against Marin Catholic “raggedy,” the Warriors' failed to improve. Quarterback Kuan Green, who finished 4 of 14 for 42 yards, didn't complete his first pass until 8:08 left in the second quarter. Adding to the offensive conundrum, the Warriors' turned the ball over four times, including two from running back Jarman Julien, and a back-breaking fourth quarter turnover from Green that was returned by Liberty for a touchdown, putting the Lions up 35-8.

Butterfield, who has scholarship offers from Michigan, Cal and Arizona State, threw for 224 yards and four TDs.

PALO ALTO 45, HALF MOON BAY 7

Paly earns measure of revenge

By Vytas Mazeika

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HALF MOON BAY » The script flipped from a year ago, when Half Moon Bay found the end zone seven times while allowing only one touchdown to ruin the home opener for Palo Alto.

It wasn't an identical score because of multiple missed extra points, but Paly returned the favor almost 365 days later with the same 7-1 ratio in scoring on the road for a 45-7 triumph Friday night in Half Moon Bay.

“Our team is just so shook right now,” Paly wide receiver Jamir Shepard said. “We've been working all week for this game because last year Half Moon Bay beat us by a lot. I told my team that this wasn't happening again, so we came out with lots of energy and we came out to win.”

The bulk of the touchdowns were split equally by two Vikings in vastly different fashion.

Shepard, a 6-foot-2, 190-pound junior, finished with four catches for 107 yards, including TDs of 38 and 55 yards through the air, plus an 88-yard kickoff return to open the second half.

Paly running back Aiden Chang (5-11, 165) also crossed the goal line three times, from 7, 1 and 14 yards out — all of them coming after explosive plays.

SILVER CREEK 27, SARATOGA 13

Raiders come alive in second half

By Phil Jensen

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SAN JOSE » Silver Creek needed something to charge it up following its scoreless first half.

A sophomore with his first interception at any level provided that lift.

Elijah Thomas returned an interception 53 yards to put the Raiders (2-0) on the scoreboard. Silver Creek outscored visiting Saratoga 27-6 in the second half to win 27-13.

“That was a spark. Right when we needed it, too. Big-time play, and he's a sophomore,” said Silver creek coach Eric Luescher.

Silver Creek trailed 7-0 at halftime. But on Saratoga's (1-1) opening drive of the second half, Thomas took his interception down the left sideline.

“They ran a screen, and I saw it, so I kind of stayed back and kind of hid under it,” Thomas said. “I just jumped up and took it back. It kind of got our game going.”

Silver Creek scored a two-point conversion, as Ricky Anaya passed to Gabe Trejo for an 8-7 lead. Silver Creek never trailed again, as it scored 21 straight points.

The Raiders then took its next drive 53 yards in only four plays. Angelo Amezcuia rushed for 32 of his team-high 69 yards on that drive, which was capped by a 21-yard pass from Alejandro Flores to Josh Garcia.

Around the Bay

East Bay

Logan Sumter connected on 11 of 14 passes for a school-record 325 yards and four touchdowns to lead No. 2 Clayton Valley Charter to a 48-0 rout of Concord. Clayton Valley (3-0) scored 35 points before half-time. ... No. 4 Pittsburg intercepted three passes and made a couple of stops in the shadow of the end zone, but Centennial-Corona's Reggie Retzlaff caught two touchdown passes and threw for another to help lead the host Huskies to a 35-7 victory. ... Unranked California (2-1) pulled off a significant upset, beating eighth-ranked Freedom (2-1) 42-27. Matt McCreary threw three touchdown passes for the winners, two to receiver Gary Wendschlag and tight end Cameron Fitzpatrick. The score was 28-19 in the fourth period when California scored two touchdowns in a three-minute stretch to put the game away. ... Jays Wade ran for two touchdowns and receiver Gaudie Campbell caught two TD passes from quarterback Willem Karthong as No. 10 Antioch improved to 3-0 with a 34-13 win over No. 21 San Leandro (1-2). It was scoreless until late in the first half, when Antioch put together a touchdown drive with less than two minutes remaining in the first half. Wade then scored on a 53-yard run on Antioch's first play from scrimmage after intermission, and the Panthers built their lead to 21-10. ... Monte Vista (3-0) took total control early in a 55-0 win over Analy (0-3), scoring 34 first-quarter points. Nate Rutchena had a 13-yard touchdown reception and a 30-yard interception return for a score in the game. Tyler Perry also had two touchdowns, and Jack Stewardson threw for two scores. ... No. 22 Las Lomas (3-0) led 14-0 at the half and cruised past Miramonte 41-13. Miramonte is 2-1. The Knights (3-0) totaled over 500 yards of offense. ... No. 25 Moreau Catholic (3-0) held a 36-8 halftime lead and didn't look back in a 50-22 win over visiting Salesian (1-2). ... One week after their huge upset at Milpitas, Dublin ran its record to 3-0 as Grant Manning completed 11 of 15 passes 252 and three touchdowns in a 59-0 victory over Laguna Creek.

South Bay/Peninsula

Andre Bishop's 40-yard touchdown run opened the scoring, and No. 5 St. Francis never looking back, routing host Oak Grove 35-7 in a game that ended with a running clock. St. Francis, which plays host to De La Salle on Friday, also got a 72-yard touchdown pass from Jack Perry to Maurice Wilmer. ... No. 16 Valley Christian built a 13-point lead on the road against Pleasant Valley-Chico and returned home with a 27-14 victory. Skylar Loving-Black had a 20-yard touchdown reception from Cory Taylor, and the two also connected on a two-point play later in the game. ... No. 19 Aragon opened its season at home with a 56-21 loss to Aptos as Hunter Matys threw two touchdown passes and ran for one to lead the Mariners (2-0). ... Los Gatos (2-0) exploded for 21 points in the second quarter on its way to a 45-0 victory over Leigh (1-1). Jack Lewis Miller threw two touchdown passes and finished with 10 completions in 12 attempts for 117 yards. ... Milpitas (1-1) bounced back from a tough loss to Dublin with a victory in Southern California as Jacob Vargas threw three TD passes. Dylan Sualua finished with double figures in tackles, intercepted a pass and recovered a fumble. ... Harry Mingrone threw a 3-yard touchdown pass to Luke Spaine with 5:30 minutes left in the game, and Andrew Schaffer broke a tie with the extra point as No. 23 Bellarmine (1-1) won 13-12. This was the third year in a row Bellarmine has played Clovis-North (1-1), and the Bells have won all three. ... Quarterback Jared Julian scored all three touchdowns for Terra Nova, which improved to 2-0 with the 21-10 victory over Carlmont (0-2). ... A 12-yard fumble return for a TD by defensive lineman Jake Davidson and a 95-yard kickoff return to pay dirt provided SHP (2-0) with enough points to hold on at home against Burlingame (1-1) 15-13. ... Carson Yates completed 10 of his 13 passes for 225 yards and three touchdowns as Leland (1-1) defeated Fremont-Sunnyvale (0-2) 46-7.

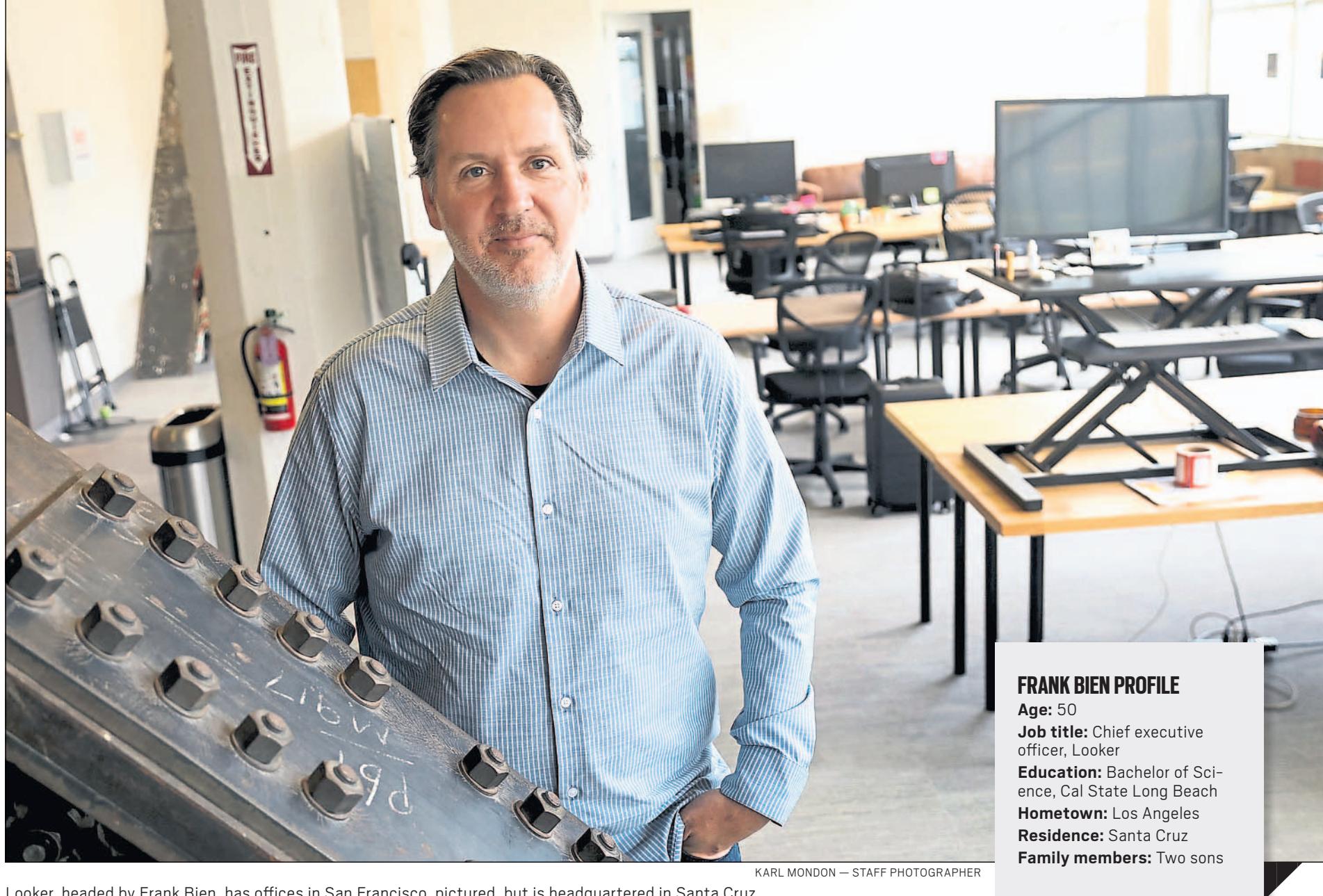
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Looker, headed by Frank Bien, has offices in San Francisco, pictured, but is headquartered in Santa Cruz.

FRANK BIEN PROFILE

Age: 50**Job title:** Chief executive officer, Looker**Education:** Bachelor of Science, Cal State Long Beach**Hometown:** Los Angeles**Residence:** Santa Cruz**Family members:** Two sons

A look at the transformative power of

BIG DATA

For the Looker chief executive, the key to business is helping customers see, and get a handle on, their mountains of information

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In the age of Big Data, figuring out the best ways to store, move, analyze and make sense of data can be everything for a company. Or, all the data at a company's disposal could amount to nothing if the business doesn't know what to do with it.

"People can ask about things like supply chains and sales pipelines and very specific areas," said Frank Bien, chief executive of Big Data analytics company Looker. "But when they want to ask more broad, ad hoc questions in every department in a company, it's very difficult. And what we're trying to do is make that less difficult."

Bien says that in helping Looker's clients find the value in all of their data, his 400-person company has "a focus on boring stuff that works, as opposed to being flashy and getting headlines while doing little to transform a business." Based in Santa Cruz, Looker has so far received the backing of \$180 million in funding from CapitalG (formerly

called Google Capital), Redpoint, First Round Capital and Kleiner Perkins.

In an interview at Looker's San Francisco office, Bien talked about the state of Big Data and how Looker is helping its customers solve their Big Data management issues. His comments have been edited for length and clarity.

has a pass-through plug for a lamp, appliance or any other device, in case you also want to use your phone to control that device. If power to that outlet goes out, it will send an alert to your smartphone as a text message, a phone call or both. It also will automatically notify you if the power comes back on, even if you're not home.

Most smart home devices work on Wi-Fi, but this uses a cellular carrier for a simple reason — if the power fails, your Wi-Fi will probably stop working too. As a result, it requires you to have a SIM card from a cellphone carrier. Most U.S. cellphone carriers will let you

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Q Companies have always dealt with data. What's the difference with data today as opposed to recent years?

A We help companies better understand all the data they have and use to drive their business, and I think this has been sort of a holy grail for a long time. Companies want to be data-driven. They want their employees to be able to ask questions and get factual answers. But, surprisingly, it hasn't been solved, yet, in a very broad sense.

Q When you say "data-driven," what does that mean in terms of the data we're talking about?

A When we started out, we wanted to have a very business-centric focus. But we really felt that companies didn't really understand their core business model all the time. Companies didn't

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TECHNOLOGY

Devices alert you if there's a power failure, water leaks

Several years ago, my wife's parents power failed while they were on vacation and what was once food in their freezer and refrigerator became a stinky mess. Recently the power to my entire house went out after a breaker switch was triggered. I immediately turned it back on, but if it happens when we're away from home, we might wind up with a similar mess on our hands.

It got me thinking about how I could get a warning in the event of a power failure, which led me to an iSocket 3G plug that sends a text message to alert you when the power goes out. The iSocket, which sells for about \$208, plugs into any 3-prong electrical outlet and



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Digital crossroads

AUCTION

Only a handful of Apple I computers exists; one is expected to fetch \$300,000

By Alex Horton
The Washington Post

Steve Wozniak was giving it away free.

The Apple co-founder tweaked and soldered computer circuit boards in the mid-1970s from his cubicle at Hewlett-Packard and an apartment in Cupertino. He shared the design freely, showering enthusiasts in Silicon Valley's Homebrew Computer Club with gratis innovation.

The members were wowed by the intricacy and beauty of crisp lines and symmetry of Wozniak's handcrafted, meticulous design. One early club attendee, a local computer enthusiast, made note of the potential as talk of the board surged in the valley.

We'll come back to him



PHOTO COURTESY OF RR AUCTION

This Apple I computer from 1976 — fully functioning and untouched by modifications — will be auctioned on Sept. 24.

shortly.

Steve Jobs saw the design — and the interest at the club — in July 1976, Wozniak told Bloomberg. That was three months

after co-founding Apple with Wozniak. Why not sell the boards? The Byte Shop in Palo Alto agreed, but store owner

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Frank Bien, the CEO of data analysis company Looker, speaks at his San Francisco office.

Bien

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understand the lifetime value of their customers completely, and there was this chaos going on where people would think they were agreeing to numbers like the value of their customer. But, you would see that they didn't have that value defined the same way, and while they thought they were making business decisions based on that data, it maybe wasn't accurate. And it was really a mess underneath. What we wanted to do was bring it into the reach of any company so it could use data more effectively.

Q So, how do you simplify something like that?

A I think there are a few different layers. Above all, Big Data gave us cheap, analytic databases. And what happened is people in a company could collect and store everything. Once they put a new tool on top of it, like Looker, you could start to ask and answer questions much more simply. And then we realized there was more of a cultural shift to be had, and if we could lower the barrier of pain to ask a question and give people reliable answers and guidance, then people would start to deal with the chaos of data they had.

Q You mention that employees have a lot of questions about their company's data these days. What kinds of questions are they asking?

A Let's say I'm a customer success manager in a software company, and my job is to understand how people are using my software product. I want to understand if people are happy using it, if they are going to stop using it, why they might stop using it and if they have a propensity to churn, or go to a new service. Now, I'm starting to understand where I should focus my time. And with data, I start to build a view of how they are using the product. How much of it are they using? What kinds of features are they using? Are the number of features expanding or going down? Are more users being added every day? Are they paying their bills? Now, I can focus on a specific customer and their experience with a product, but I'm also making sure that I can maintain that revenue stream for my company in the future.

Q The concept of software as a service — SaaS — gets thrown around a lot when it comes to topics like data and the cloud. What's your take on this part of cloud-based offerings right now?

5 THINGS ABOUT FRANK BIEN

- 1** He likes to spend his spare time in the mountains around Santa Cruz with his sons.
- 2** He always makes time to read newspapers online.
- 3** He sees promoting Looker's customers as bringing value to the company's business.
- 4** If he could have lunch with one person, it would be with the child he lost some years ago.
- 5** He says the "weaponization" of data keeps him up at night. "It's about privacy for sure, but it's more than that. It's about the intentional use of technology to do real harm on a massive scale. I want this world to be better for my kids, not worse."

A We are a SaaS company. We host the vast majority of our customers in our cloud. But, data is interesting because data has weight. We're dealing with trillions of rows of data, and it's hard to move all of that around. We took the approach that we would be a SaaS company, and that we would be cloud based, but we also have the ability to deploy on (a customer's) premises or in their cloud. That's worked really well for us. It's all subscription based. And the big advantage of SaaS is that you're married to the success of the customer. And we're really driving toward the success of our customers in that (technology) model.

Q We're meeting here in your San Francisco office, but Looker has always been based in Santa Cruz. Why have you chosen to keep the headquarters there?

A I would have thought we would have had to move at some point, but it turns out that given all that is happening in the Valley, there's a big benefit to not being headquartered over here. There are so many data companies, and I would argue that most Big Data companies have thought the same way; they are building on the same notions that databases are slow, and that they have to do things in a certain way. We really felt there was this other way to do it. And people thought we were crazy. And we just kept doing it and getting one successful company after the next, and next thing you know, we have 1,500 customers and some of the "who's who" of people who use data.

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my home security and automation system, to add flood sensors under or near all of our sinks and toilets as well as our washing machine. Now, if any of these sensors detect moisture, we'll get an alarm on our phone and a call from Vivint's monitoring service.

Vivint charges a monthly fee but there are devices you can purchase that will send an alert to your smartphone if a leak is detected.

One clever device is the Smarthome Water Monitor from Streamlabs (\$199), which consists of a device that you put around the main water entry line going into your home. You have to plug it into a power outlet and connect it to your home's Wi-Fi and if the water pressure changes, possibly indicating a leak, you'll be notified via the company's app. The product also can be used to monitor water usage and could aid in water conservation. It doesn't require any pipe cutting. It measures water flow throughout the house via "ultrasonic technology."

There are lots of other leak detection devices that you can put in areas where water might enter such as the Honeywell Lyric Wi-Fi Water Leak & Freeze Detector, which can be placed near or under any location that could leak. It also detects frozen pipes, which can be a problem in some parts of the country. If it does detect a leak or a freeze, you get a notification through the Lyric app. They cost about \$58 each, and you may need several, so the cost could add up.

There are plenty of other less expensive leak detectors on the market, including the Samsung SmartThings Water Leak Sensor (\$25), which requires a SmartThings Hub (\$90) that works with an entire family of smart devices from the Samsung-owned company. If you have an Ooma voice-over-internet phone, you can now add a water sensor for \$29.99. There are also ways to have your water shut off automatically in case of a leak. The Dome Home Automation Leak Sensor is one of several Z-wave compatible water sensors that works with electronic shut-off valves such as EcoNet Z-Wave water valve.

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ASK THE FOOL

Dissecting the Dow

Q The Dow was recently at 25,600. What, exactly, does that number represent?

— M.M., Decatur, Ill.

A "The Dow" refers to the Dow Jones Industrial Average, a U.S. stock market index established in 1896. It's an average of the stock prices of 30 companies that include Apple, Boeing, Coca-Cola, The Home Depot, McDonald's, Nike, Procter & Gamble, Walmart and Visa. It doesn't look like an average, though, when it's 25,600 and many of the stocks sport prices below \$100.

It makes sense, though, because the shares, on average, actually would trade at lofty levels — if they had never been split, is undergone major changes such as spinoffs or mergers during their time in the index.

Therefore, in order to account for all those changes, the stock prices of the 30 component stocks are added together and then divided by the "divisor" (which is adjusted frequently and was recently 0.14748071991788). To understand how each stock affects the average, know that if, say, Visa stock rises by \$10, you can just divide 10 by the divisor and learn that the DJIA will rise by about 67.81 points (10 divided by 0.14748071991788 equals 67.805).

Q What are "orphan drugs" in the pharmaceutical world?

— T.B., Hattiesburg, Miss.

A The U.S. Food & Drug Administration has an Orphan Drug Designation program, offering incentives for companies to develop drugs to treat, diagnose or prevent "rare diseases/disorders that affect fewer than 200,000 people in the U.S., or that affect more than 200,000 persons but are not expected to recover the costs of developing and marketing a treatment drug." Since many of these drugs end up with steep prices, they can make a lot of money for biotech and pharmaceutical companies.

DUMBEST INVESTMENT

Short-term blues

I bought shares of Novo Nordisk for around \$44.50 per share, and now, about a week later, shares have fallen below \$41. From my reading, I gather that they may continue to drop and not recover for years. Should I sell and take a big loss or hold on?

— R.W., online

THE FOOL RESPONDS »

You're being very impatient. Stocks move up and down throughout each day and week and year. Over the long run, the stocks of healthy and growing companies should increase in value, making shareholders wealthier. But even great companies' stocks have languished for months or even years — and terrific investments can fall in value for a while, too. A week is way too short a time in which to expect to reap a profit.

Many fortunes have been made by investing in great companies and then hanging onto

the shares for many years — as long as the companies remained strong and with bright futures. If you don't have the confidence to remain invested in individual companies, consider just socking money away in a low-fee broad-market index fund, such as one that tracks the S&P 500.

Novo Nordisk was recently trading around \$47.50 per share. It's facing pricing pressures for its diabetes drugs and investor opinions about it are mixed. Its future has promise, though, and The Motley Fool has recommended it.

FOOLISH TRIVIA

Think you know the answer? Send in your guess and you'll be entered in a drawing for a nifty prize!

Name that company

I trace my roots back to 1993, when two Circuit City executives formed me to diversify the company's operations. I was envisioned as a company with a massive inventory of cars offered at a then-revolutionary "no-haggle" price. I was spun off from Circuit City in 2002. Today, based in Richmond, Virginia, I'm America's biggest used-car retailer, with more than 190 stores in 41 states. I employ 25,000-plus people. My annual revenue tops \$17 billion. In my most recent fiscal year, I sold more than 700,000 used vehicles as well as more than 400,000 wholesale vehicles at in-store auctions. Who am I?

Last week's trivia answer

I trace my roots back to the 1920s, when two brothers in Germany started making shoes in their mother's laundry room. Jesse Owens won gold in the 1936 Olympics with my shoes. The brothers parted ways in the 1940s, with one setting up the Puma brand and the other registering my name as a brand — and patenting a striped logo, too. My lightweight soccer shoes with screw-in studs helped Germany win the 1954 World Cup. I introduced tracksuits in 1967 and bought Reebok in 2006. I produce more than 900 million items annually. Who am I? (Answer: Adidas)

THE MOTLEY FOOL TAKE

Apple appeal

Apple (Nasdaq: AAPL) recently reported its third-quarter results, in which revenue popped 17 percent year over year (marking four consecutive quarters of double-digit year-over-year growth) and earnings soared 40 percent higher.

Apple has been financially dependent on its iPhone, but it is wisely expanding its revenue in other areas. Its Services segment (which includes Apple Music, the App Store and Apple Pay) is a rising star, with its revenue up by 31 percent in the most recent quarter to \$9.5 billion, representing 18 percent of the company's top line. Clearly, Apple not only knows how to sell devices to its customers, but it can also convince them to spend more money in the company's ecosystem through its ever-increasing menu of services.

The company's dividend yield was recently at 1.4 percent, and dividend investors should consider that Apple has a very low payout ratio of about 24 percent, meaning that the company has plenty of room to increase that payout. Apple is committed to its shareholders, having announced a \$100 billion share repurchase program in the second quarter of 2018.

Whether you're looking for a company with earnings, cash on the balance sheet or a wide competitive moat, Apple fits the bill. (The Motley Fool has recommended Apple and owns shares of it as well as the following options on it: long January 2020 \$150 calls and short January 2020 \$155 calls.)

FOOL'S SCHOOL

When to sell your stocks

When the price of a particular stock suddenly drops sharply, many shareholders rush to sell it. Many sell their stocks when the market suddenly heads south, too. Those can be costly mistakes, though.

Don't sell just because a stock or the market is falling, or you've heard some rumors, or someone tells you to sell. Here are good reasons to consider selling:

- If you can't remember why you bought the stock.
- If you can't explain exactly how the company makes money.

- If you hold too many or too few stocks. Portfolios should be diversified, but not too diversified. Aiming for around eight to 15 companies is good for most people.

- If the reason you bought shares is no longer valid. For example, maybe the company is suddenly facing strong competition.

- If the stock seems significantly overvalued. Consider the tax consequences, though. If you expect it to keep growing

over the long run, hanging on can be best.

- If you find a much more attractive investment. If your calculations suggest that a holding is now fairly valued and stock in another great company appears to be very undervalued, you could gain more in the other stock. (Again, consider tax effects, though.)

- If there are red flags such as shrinking profit margins or steep debt.

- If you'll need that money within five (or even 10) years, it should be in a less volatile place than stocks. Consider a money market account or a CD.

- If you're only hanging on for emotional reasons.

Focusing only on whether to buy a certain stock and not giving much thought to when you should sell it is a costly blunder. If you leave your dollars in a poor investment, they can't grow for you in a great one.

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SOUND ADVICE

Technics SL-1200GR turntable is your best bet

I read the cartridge comparison test on your soundadvicevinyl.com website and saw how much you liked the new Technics SL-1200GR turntable. I am in the market for a turntable, price up to \$2,000. Do you think it is my best bet? Is it much different than the old Technics SL-1200 models?

— F.J., New York



Don Lindich
Sound advice

bles costing \$30,000. In terms of sound quality, I've never heard anything that makes magic come out of the grooves like the new SL-1200 models. The following story is an example of that.

For years I used a Technics SL-1210M5G as my main turntable. The SL-

1210M5G was the last and best-performing iteration of the classic Technics SL-1200, which was introduced in 1972. Though it eventually became known as a DJ turntable, at its introduction the SL-1200 series was marketed as a hi-fi turntable and up until the end of production in 2010, it still made a wonderful addition to a home stereo system.

I tested many turntables over the years and though I found

some that I preferred over my SL-1210M5G, nothing impressed me enough to change. Finally, I tested a handmade British turntable package that sold for \$4,000. It was a very noticeable improvement in sound quality over the SL-1210M5G, so I purchased the review sample.

When the new generation SL-1200GR came out, I reviewed it and it clearly bested my British turntable rig, doing apples-to-apples comparisons with the same phono cartridges. Not only was it superior, it was superior to the point where I could hardly even listen to my \$4,000 turntable again. I am not the only person who felt that way. I had an audiophile buddy come over to hear the difference. I mounted the same cartridge on each turntable and played the same record at the

same volume level. I played the first track on the Technics, then moved the record to the other turntable and played it again.

About 45 seconds into the song, my friend said, "Ugh. Go back to the other one."

So, my \$4,000 turntable was noticeably superior to my old SL-1210M5G, and the new SL-1200GR was superior to my \$4,000 turntable by an even bigger margin. That is how good it is. I had to open up my wallet again because the SL-1200GR was something I just could not live without.

The \$1,699 price may seem exorbitant to some, but with the SL-1200GR you are purchasing a precision instrument that will last a lifetime. If you have a lot of records, it will pay off every time you drop the needle into

the groove. Think of how many TVs and computers people buy for \$2,000 or more, that are then trashed and replaced in four to eight years. Get an SL-1200GR and I am confident it will be spinning records for you (or your heirs) in 2050, over 30 years from now.

The biggest problem to getting an SL-1200GR may not even be the cost of entry. It is difficult to find them in stock as demand has outstripped supply by a healthy margin. If you want one, find your nearest authorized dealer and get on their waiting list. It will be worth it! Go to [technics.com](#).

Contact Don Lindich at www.soundadvicevinylnews.com and use the "submit question" link on that site.

Apple I

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Paul Terrell would only buy completed boards that did not need further tweaking at home.

Those computers became the Apple I.

Now more than 40 years later, one of about 60 surviving machines out of 200 made — and rarer still, fully functioning and untouched by modifications — will be auctioned on Sept. 24. It is expected to fetch upward of \$30,000.

"This computer tells a lot of about the history and genesis of the largest tech company in the world," Bobby Livingston, a spokesman for RR Auction, told The Washington Post.

Even the manual points to the scrappy, renegade early days of the company — it has handwritten notations from an Apple employee, Livingston said.

Since then, Apple has moved from Wozniak's cubicle and Jobs' garage to be the first company worth \$1 trillion (yes, with a T). The Apple I, one of the first

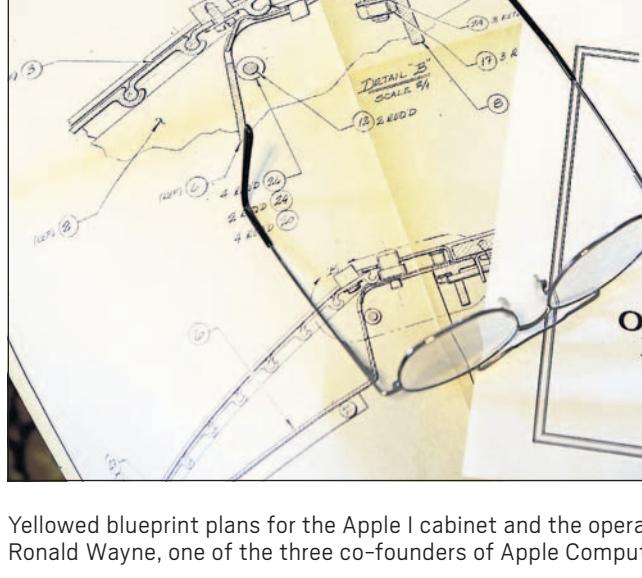
home personal computers, was modestly powered and ran very basic games and programs. It set the stage for the Apple II; its lower price point and accessibility completely changed how people interacted with computers.

A buyer paid \$666.66 for this particular Apple I sometime between late 1976 and early 1977, the auction house said. But the buyer apparently wasn't as wowed as the club members.

The enthusiast, a co-worker of the buyer, got it secondhand about a year later. He paid \$300 and learned programming languages to work the machine. He kept it ever since. An imprint on the board reads: "Apple Computer 1, Palo Alto, Ca. Copyright 1976."

RR Auction did not say who the man was, citing his privacy concerns. He tried selling it back to Wozniak for \$10,000 in 1982, but the offer went unanswered, the auction house said.

The Apple I's condition is exceptional not just because of the computer's age, but the way users handled their machines. The boards



Yellowed blueprint plans for the Apple I cabinet and the operation manual designed by Ronald Wayne, one of the three co-founders of Apple Computer.

were sold without cases, Apple I expert Corey Cohen said, and buyers typically made them at home. They soldered chips and sliced boards with razor blades to make modifications on the board.

But this machine is untouched in that way, Cohen told the Post. He evaluated the Apple I in June for the auction house. He fired up

the system with a surplus keyboard the professor had originally used and hooked up a power transformer and vintage security monitor.

It boots up just as it would have all those years ago, Cohen said, and it ran with no issues for eight hours. He made minor restorations like cleaning some connections and carefully brushing away the remains of four de-

cades' worth of storage.

"The dust was not vintage 1977 dust," he said.

Cohen certified the machine with an 8.5 condition rating. That was estimated from the baseline 9.5 rating given to an Apple I computer that was preserved under glass just a few years after production, Cohen said. The Henry Ford Foundation acquired it for

\$905,000 in 2014.

There has been a recent auction run of Apple Is in recent years, but that does not indicate a glut, Cohen said.

About 60 are confirmed to exist on a registry, but only about 15 are still working, Cohen said. People who held on to them are getting old, and they are either selling them or leaving them in wills. In a few years, the circulation at auction will likely dry up, he said.

"Whoever purchases [this Apple I], it will not change hands again in our lifetime," he predicted. "They're either going to be in a museum or someone will not sell."

Perhaps the buyer can boot up software the way Cohen did in his test. The Apple I used audio tape to run software. But the tapes have the drawback of needing to be rewound.

He did not have to deal with that for his program, which depicted the Apple logo in stark monochrome along with an image of a young Jobs.

To do that, Cohen used audio from another Apple invention that changed the world — an iPod.

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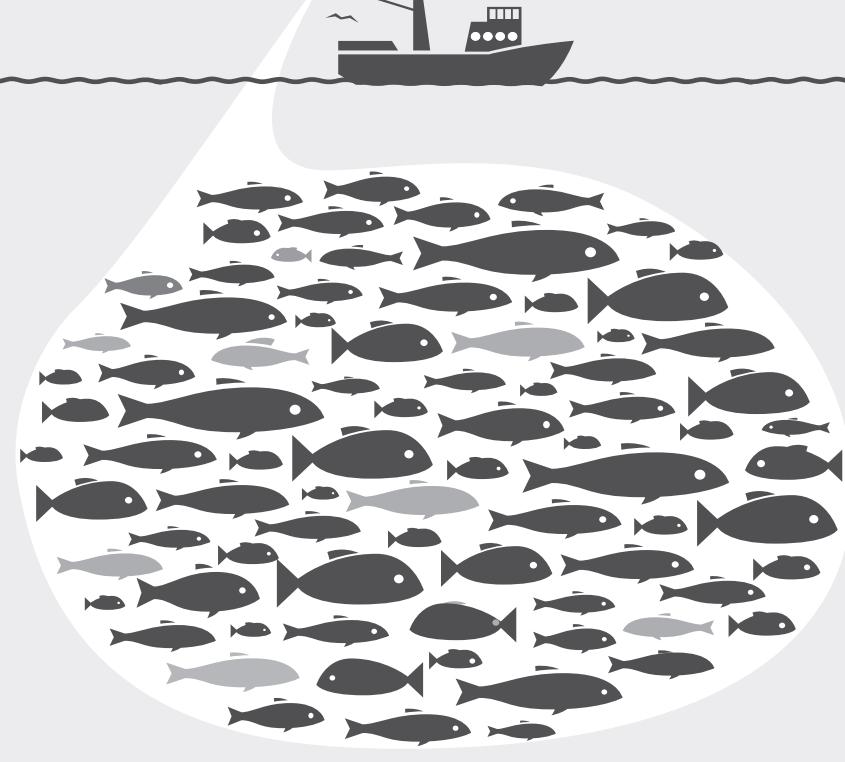
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For most organizations, one of the most tracked and discussed statistics is their customer satisfaction rate. Poor customer satisfaction, regardless of the cause, can have devastating consequences on a company's ability to grow and profit — especially with the ubiquitous availability of online ratings systems and social media platforms that give an elevated voice to users and consumers who wish to express dissatisfaction. Companies often devote considerable time to increasing customer satisfaction rates, from improving product quality to implementing customer-driven features to refining customer service interactions.

One company with a long track record of high customer satisfaction is Sage Intacct, a leader in cloud financial management software. Over 11,000 customers use Sage Intacct's cloud-based accounting software products to automate complex processes and surface rich financial and operational insights.

In the Fall 2017 G2 Crowd Accounting Software Grid report,

which is designed to help businesses make the best accounting technology buying decisions, Sage Intacct was placed in the Leaders quadrant and achieved the top customer satisfaction score. These results, which are based solely on customer feedback, independently validate the value that Sage Intacct delivers to its customers.

One of the key reasons for Sage Intacct's success is that its management team learned early in its history that a high rate of employee satisfaction led to higher overall customer satisfaction. "Sage Intacct has been built on the tenet that our organization's success is tied to the development and satisfaction of our employees. Ensuring that each Sage Intacct employee has the tools and resources they need to succeed, and receives recognition for these achievements, is one of our top priorities," said Rob Reid, EVP and managing director of Sage Intacct.

"We know if we have employees empowered to achieve success, it will support our overarching goal of superb customer satisfaction."

This mantra has made Reid quite

popular with his employees. The company recently announced that Reid won a Glassdoor Employees' Choice Award honoring the Top CEOs in 2018. (Reid was CEO of Intacct prior to its acquisition by Sage last year.) Among the 770,000 companies reviewed on Glassdoor, the average CEO approval rating is 69 percent. Comparatively, Reid's approval rating is among the highest at 98 percent.

At Sage Intacct, the focus on employee satisfaction is built into all aspects of the company and goes well beyond the standard perks found at many Silicon Valley companies. Ongoing training and career development opportunities ensure that employees can achieve their professional goals; a focus on wellness and a healthy work/life balance prevents stress and burnout and leads to employees who are happier, more focused, and more productive in both their personal and professional lives; and a commitment to hiring the right people fosters a collaborative environment where employees feel

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The Dish



Scoop-tastic votes

Last month, we asked readers to nominate their favorite Bay Area ice creameries. Now, we can't wait to check out your recommendations, from a Livermore cafe that scoops rose-shaped ice cream to some outrageous twists on the cone theme.

This morning, we're opening the polls for a vote, bracket-style, among the 32 most-nominated ice cream shops. It's a sweet bunch indeed, from Oakland's classic Fenton's to Palo Alto's Tin Pot and San Jose and Lafayette's Smit-ten — and oh so many more. Head for mercurynews.com/lifestyle/eat-drink and cast a ballot for your fave. We'll announce the sweet 16 next week.

Zombie tag

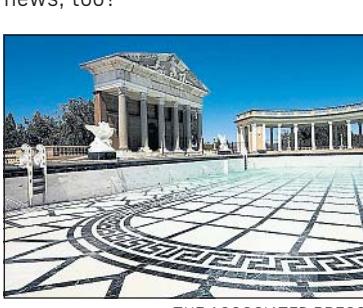
You thought the state of the world was scary? Try a trek into San Francisco's new Terror Vault (\$60, ages 21 and up), a fully immersive, interactive event running Oct. 10 to Nov. 3 at the San Francisco Mint. It's billed as a combination of theater, haunted mazes, escape rooms and



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special effects, staffed by murderers, bloody dolls, ax men, bat boys and pretty much every nightmare you've ever had. If you'd rather only be chased by undead creatures with a penchant for delicious brains, there's a Dead Zone: Zombie Tag option (\$20, ages 10 and up), too. You'll find details and ticket information at www.intothedarksf.com.

The Terror Vault tab is spendy, true, but it includes a neon necklace to wear if you get too scared. It signals to the actors that you want to watch, not participate in the mayhem. That's a fantastic idea. Can we wear that neon necklace when we watch the news, too?



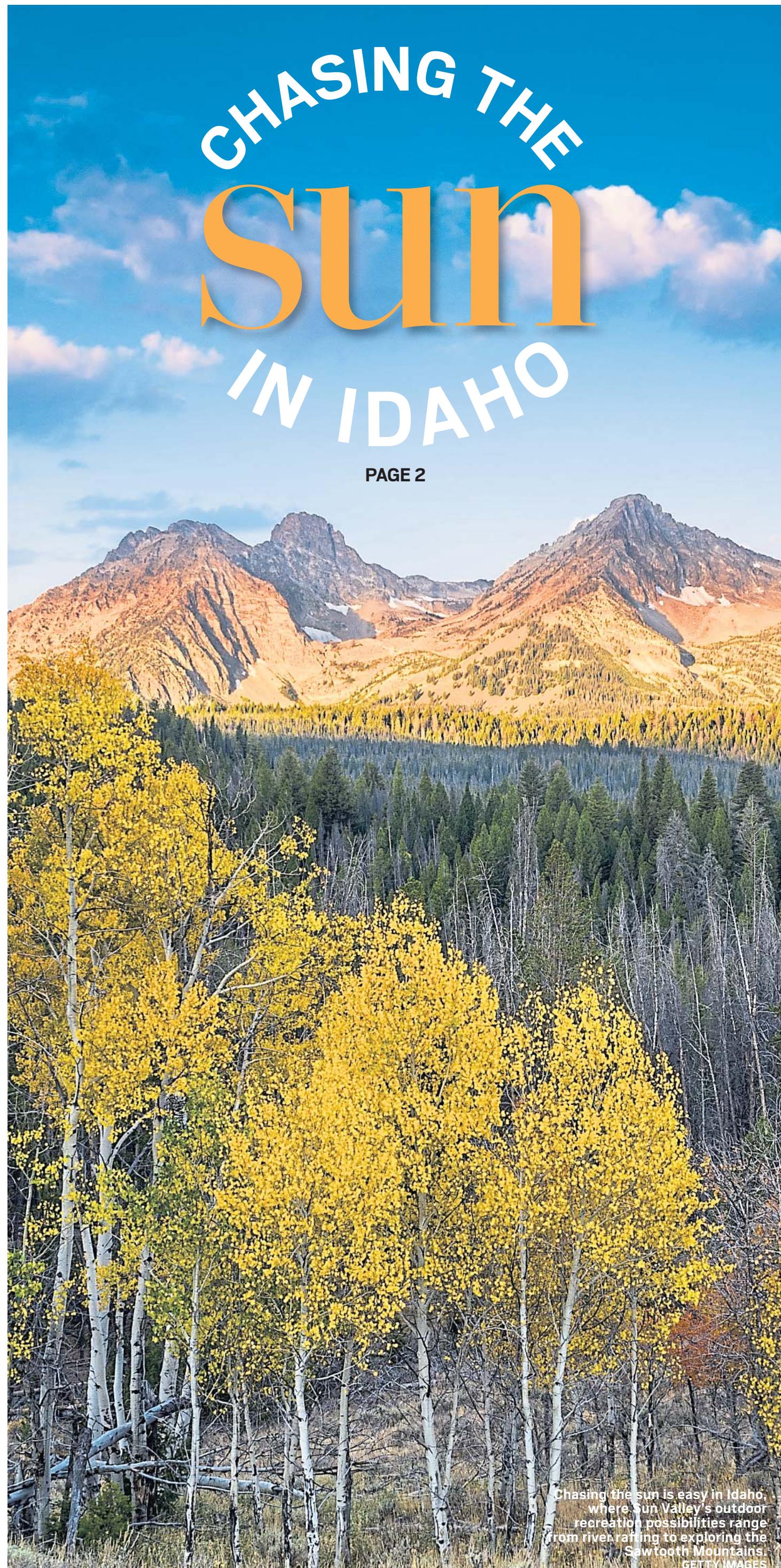
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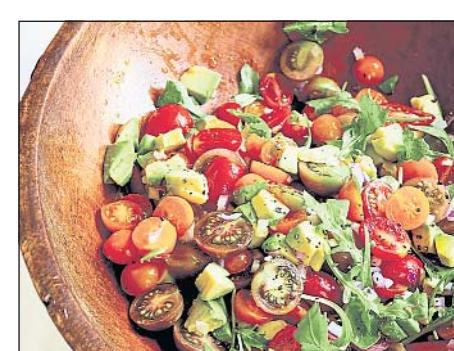
If you've visited the Central Coast's iconic Hearst Castle anytime in the last four years, you may have seen the distinct unsplashiness of San Simeon's famous Neptune Pool. The 345,000-gallon pool was drained in 2014 after it began leaking up to 5,000 gallons of water per day. Now the California State Parks' two-year, \$5.4 million renovation project has repaired the cracks and replaced the pool's lining with new white marble and green serpentine tiles. Water began flowing into the pool in mid-August and by early September, the glorious results should be Instagram ready.

The refilled pool is beautiful, but it's also a backup water source, says Dan Falat, San Luis Obispo Coast District superintendent of California State Parks. Wildfires have become a California norm, he says, noting, "This can serve as an emergency protection of the castle." And a primo photo op. If you're heading to William Randolph Hearst's over-the-top estate this fall, note that special illuminated evening tours — which re-create its glamorous 1930s heyday, with docents in period dress and a vintage newsreel playing in Hearst's private theater — run Friday and Saturday evenings from October through mid-November. Reservations are a must; hearstcastle.org.

— Jackie Burrell and Jessica Yadegaran, Staff



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OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

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HIKING, BIKING AND RAFTING IN IDAHO'S ALPINE GEM

By Jessica Yadegaran

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SUN VALLEY, IDAHO » Mountain peaks pierce the sky like emerald pyramids as we weave through Idaho's Sawtooth National Forest, more than 2 million acres of gorgeous green that's home to Bald Mountain, one of the Smoky Mountains' highest summits near Ketchum.

After spending a day discovering the hipster comforts of Boise, we've driven three hours east to this massive wilderness, where the blue sky is free of clouds and mountain goats scale the golden granite, for a late summer getaway. Sun Valley is the posh resort area that includes Ketchum and Hailey, towns that Bruce Willis, Tom Hanks and other Hollywood elite call home.

To wrap one's head around how much nature is here — and just how deeply your soul will surrender to it — crunch the numbers: The region is home to more than 1,000 lakes, 3,000 miles of rivers and countless mountain trails and equestrian routes. There is so much to do in the summer, you almost forget about the world-class skiing that's defined Sun Valley since 1936.

A nature photographer I met during our stay sensed my desperation to pack it all in. "Don't feel bad," he said. "There are several lifetimes of seeing here."

On this particular morning, my husband, 7-year-old and I have joined our Southern California surfer friends — they've been coming to Sun Valley every summer since 2008 — in downtown Ketchum in search of bike rentals. With its tree-lined streets and Alpine charm, Ketchum is reminiscent of a small Sierra town, albeit with a Lululemon, Starbucks, upscale restaurants and cutting-edge architecture.

We end up at The Elephant's Perch, a bike shop named after the Sawtooth Range's famous dome, and settle on a few tandem bikes. Strapping on our helmets, we hook a right out of town onto Trail Creek Road, an easy, paved path that takes us past mansion-sized cabins and the 18-hole Trail Creek Golf Course.

Before long, we're slicing through high-mountain meadows dotted with wildflowers. The only sound is the occasional pop of distant skeet shooting. Before Ernest Hemingway was laid to rest here in 1961, the writer picnicked and hunted for pronghorn under these "high, blue windless skies" as he called them. The bronze Hemingway Memorial is tucked into a cove near a stream just 1.5 miles up the road, east of Sun Valley Lodge.

Biking has stoked our appetites, so we settle into an early dinner at the Pioneer Saloon, a steakhouse and local institution dating back to the 1940s. Vintage firearms and mounted game cover the wooden walls of the saloon, where we feast on Angus beef filet mignon (\$29), aged in-house and dripping with blue-cheese butter, alongside huge Idaho baked potatoes (\$4 with dinner) stuffed with

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HIKING

VISIT IDAHO

Elephant's Perch towers above the trees in the Sawtooth Wilderness and is considered one of the best hikes in Idaho.



BIKING

VISIT IDAHO

The Ernest Hemingway Memorial is easily accessible along a bike path just outside of Ketchum, in Sun Valley, Idaho.



RAFTING

WHITE OTTER ADVENTURES

White Otter Adventures offers excursions with Class IV rapids along the Salmon River in Stanley, Idaho.

IF YOU GO

The Elephant's Perch: Bike rentals and repairs plus outdoor clothing, footwear and more. Open daily at 280 East Ave., Ketchum; elephantsperch.com

Bigwood Bread Cafe: Sandwiches, salads, coffee and breakfast items are served, with outdoor seating. Open daily at 380 N. East Ave., Ketchum. There is a new baking facility and cafe with fireplaces at 271 Northwood Way, Ketchum; bigwoodbread.com

Pioneer Saloon: Authentic saloon-style restaurant for aged steak, prime rib, Idaho rainbow trout and baked potatoes. No reservations. Open daily at 320 N. Main St., Ketchum; pioneersaloon.com.

White Otter Outdoor Adventures: Whitewater rafting outfitter located at the Upper Salmon River put-in. Offers guided trips, float fishing, boat rentals and more. Open May through September at Sunbeam Village, 100 Yankee Fork Road and Highway 75, Stanley; whiteotter.com

Stanley Baking Company & Cafe: Log-cabin bakery churning out breakfast bowls, sandwiches, cream-filled sugar buns, pumpkin quinoa muffins and more. Open daily May through October at 250 Wall St., Stanley; stanley-bakingco.com

The Roundhouse: Perched atop the Roundhouse Gondola at Sun Valley Resort with gourmet salads, sandwiches, cocktails, wine and fondue by the fire; with stunning views. Open daily May through September, and for the winter season from Thanksgiving on. The resort is at 1 Sun Valley Road, Ketchum; sunvalley.com.

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Why take the stairs? It's more fun to go down the five-story tube slide at JUMP in downtown Boise.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

HEADED FOR SUN VALLEY?

WAYS TO PLAY IN BOISE

By Jessica Yadegaran
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First, it was Seattle. Then Portland. Could Boise be the next family-friendly destination of the Pacific Northwest? It certainly seems that way. We stopped in this beautiful, high-desert city en route to Sun Valley and found everything Bay Area urbanites crave, from upscale tacos and award-winning craft beer to booze-infused ice cream, cycle-themed dive bars and an interactive creativity museum with a five-story slide. Yes, really. Here are seven favorites.

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Madre Boutique Taqueria is a modern, fine-casual restaurant in Boise with tacos and Mexican fare in a chic space.

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Lost Grove Brewery opened its taproom in the Lusk District of Boise in October 2017.

1 Freak Alley

This alley of satirical, thought-provoking building murals started with one artist in 2002 and has grown to include the works of more than 200 local painters, graffiti artists and more. Today, Freak Alley is the largest outdoor gallery in the Northwest, and it's still free, day or night, at 201 N. Ninth St. in downtown Boise; freakalleygallery.org.

2 Madre Boutique Taqueria

San Francisco-worthy gourmet Mexican is the focus at this new fine-casual restaurant inside an ultra chic, remodeled cinderblock building. James Beard-nominated chef John Cuevas uses regional ingredients, and his menu darlings are seven fresh and flavorful a la carte tacos (\$4-\$6), such as a crispy idaho spud & chorizo served with zesty jalapeño pesto, and a bright chicken tinga taco salad (\$12) we're still dreaming about. Open daily at 1034 S. La Pointe St., Boise; madrerestaurant.net.

3 Lost Grove Brewing

Located in the hip Lusk District, a few doors down from Madre, is a sustainable (they make beer with pure, recycled water) brewery and new 70-seat taproom. Lost Grove offers a rotating tap of craft IPAs, sours, seasonal and experimental beers, as well as local wine, cider and kombucha. Food trucks — Sushi Shack, Urban Smoke or Black Sheep Organics — sit just outside the 30-person patio Thursdays through Saturdays to help soak up suds. Kid- and dog-friendly. Open daily at 1026 S. La Pointe St., Boise; lostgrovebrewing.com.

4 JUMP

The massive, nonprofit interactive museum is dedicated to Idaho entrepreneur and McDonald's potato supplier J.R. Simplot. He was known for his pioneering creativity, and Jack's Urban Meeting Place, or JUMP, is the city's way of honoring him and providing a place for kids and adults to explore, do 3D printing, dance, draw, build, cook and more in five engaging studios. Take a class, catch a concert, swoosh down the five-story slide or check out Jack's collection of 50 vintage tractors dating to 1885. Free, Tuesday-Saturday at 1000 W. Myrtle St., in downtown Boise; jumpboise.org

5 World Center for Birds of Prey

This indoor-outdoor education center is home to eagles, owls, vultures, hawks and falcons from around the world, against the backdrop of the serene Treasure Valley. See the world's largest captive flock of California condors and check out artifacts from ancient falconry traditions. Better yet, watch them do their thing during Fall Flight, Sept. 21 through Nov. 3. Witness raptors swoop and soar sometimes inches above your head during 30- to 45-minute trainer-led demonstrations (held at 3 p.m. Fridays-Sundays). Admission is \$10. Open Tuesday-Sunday at 5668 W. Flying Hawk Lane, Boise; peregrinefund.org/visit.

6 The Stil

It stands for the Sweetest Things in Life, and handcrafted ice cream is the star. Custom flavors with names such as Grandma's Laugh (dairy-free snickerdoodle) and Parry Hotter's Beer Butter (butterscotch cream soda) are made in small batches daily using Idaho dairy. But here's the extra whip: The year-old Stil also offers booze-infused flavors, such as Good Luck, made with vodka, lime and ginger beer, plus flights of beer or wine paired with ice cream, and beer, wine or soda floats. Sweet, indeed. Open daily at 786 W. Broad St., Boise; ilovethestil.com.

7 Old Idaho Penitentiary

Unlike Alcatraz, this historic prison, which held some of the West's most serious criminals from 1872 to 1973, is affordable and easy to get to. Located in Boise's Old Penitentiary Historic District, the prison features 30 buildings with access to solitary confinement, the cell blocks, the gallows and more. A series of annual nighttime events, including Paranormal Investigation (Friday), Dudes & Disco (Sept. 18) and Frightened Felons X (Oct. 26-27) adds to the fun. Admission is \$6. Open daily at 2445 Old Penitentiary Road, Boise; history.idaho.gov/oldpen.

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sour cream. Marionberry cobbler (\$7), served warm with ice cream, is the perfect ending to this perfect day.

The next morning, after coffee and breakfast sammies (\$9) at Bigwood Bread Cafe, we head north on Highway 75 toward Stanley, population 69, and the gateway to our family's first whitewater rafting adventure. Stanley sits at the foot of the Sawtooth Mountains on the banks of the Salmon River. It is a famous stopover for climbers and rafters eager to rest between adventures. It also has a few destination-worthy comforts, including the rustic Sawtooth Hotel, Redd Square Restaurant and Stanley Baking Company & Cafe.

About five miles shy of town, we pull onto Redfish Lake Road, the paved access road toward the Sawtooth Range that ends at the north shore of Redfish Lake, elevation 6,547 feet. The sudden blue of the 4.5-mile-wide lake is arresting, and we stop for fish and chips at Redfish Lake Lodge's Lakeside Grill, taking in the kayaks and canoes bobbing along the marina.

Redfish gets its name from the concentration of sockeye salmon that once came here from the Pacific Ocean to spawn. They came in such large quantities that the lake glistened crimson, and it was said that you could walk on their backs. We take a stroll along the Fishhook Creek Nature Trail, hoping to spot one of these now-rare fish, but no luck. Happy families play on the lake's white sand beach, but we're eager to meet our guide and do some splashing of our own.

White Otter Outdoor Adven-

tures is 30 miles north of Redfish Lake, past Stanley, in Sunbeam. Our friends recommended White Otter because it's the only company located at the river's put-in, meaning you're not bused to the river. The raft is simply a short stroll from headquarters, where our guide, Beppe, awaits.

Beppe grew up in Sacramento and cut his oars on the American River. After a brief safety check and a few reminders — "you will get wet and yes, the water is very cold" — he gives our six-person raft a shove, jumps in and steers us into the Upper Salmon.

The Salmon, also known as the River of No Return, flows for 425 miles through central Idaho. It's such a major landmark that the river's lower half provides the time-zone boundary for the entire state, with Northern Idaho on Pacific time and the rest of the state on Mountain time.

On this afternoon, the river delivers a mix of fast-moving and large uniform waves (Class I and Class II rapids). We don't get soaked — freezing, Beppe, freezing is the word — until the two Class III rapids hit us. They're large, powerful and wild, and as Beppe squats to center his weight and control the dip, we spot a family of hooded mergansers on a large rock, their white crests raised as if to shield themselves from the splash.

My son's complaints of "cold and tired" couldn't have been timed better. We stop at the river's edge toward the end of the ride and Beppe hands us fleeces to warm up and serves lemonade, staff-made banana bread and buttery, chocolate chip Starr Bars, which we gobble up before boarding the van that will take us back to White Otter.

We spend our last day in Sun

Valley getting up close and personal with its star. As we ride the ski lift toward Bald Mountain, we stop midway for lunch, at Roundhouse, an octagonal shaped restaurant at 7,700 feet, built in 1939 to emulate the best escapes of the Swiss Alps.

The view is stunning and as we look out onto panoramic views of the sharp peaks, we nibble smoked salmon BLTs (\$18) with avocado and Roundhouse chicken Caesar (\$17) salads with preserved egg yolks and brioche croutons.

As if it couldn't get better, we hop one more gondola to 9,150 feet, and touch down on Bald. It's 15 degrees cooler here and we're glad we packed light jackets for the hike. The butterfly-dotted trail, the open sky, the trees and endless evergreen canyons look like a painting. Here's to many more lifetimes of seeing.



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BOOKS FOR COOKS

SOMETHING YUMMY IS AFOOT

Ina Garten offers a peek at the newest Barefoot Contessa cookbook

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These are the salad days of summer, when everything ripens at once and you can build an entire dinner around leafy greens, fresh herbs and ripe tomatoes of every hue — crimson, chartreuse and golden yellow. Sure, you can add a grilled steak to that lineup. But at this time of year, it's the riotous colors from the farmers market that take center stage.

We are not alone in that view, of course. Whether you're talking Greek panzanella or lobster Cobb, creative, bountiful salads have always been the Barefoot Contessa's jam. Ina Garten's new cookbook, "Cook Like a Pro," is due out from Clarkson Potter this fall, but she's previewing a recipe early because, she told the Twitterverse, "I've been making the Tomato & Avocado Salad so much this summer I just had to share it with you early! Hope you love it as much as I do!"

The recipe originated with Garten's friend, Barbara Liberman, she says, "and it was so simple and delicious that I asked her for the recipe. I love when a few simple ingredients meld together and the whole is much greater than its parts. In summer, the tomatoes, avocados, onion, arugula and lemon vinaigrette are the perfect side dish for a simple grilled chicken, steak or ribs."

As for the cookbook, you can pre-order it (\$35) now, but you'll have to wait until Oct. 23 to get the secrets to Garten's crispy fried chicken sandwiches, truffled scrambled eggs and impressive chocolate chevron cake.

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Ina Garten's new cookbook, "Cook Like a Pro," won't be out until October, but she's offering a sneak peek at her favorite summer side: a tomato and avocado salad with a lemony vinaigrette. **RECIPE ON PAGE 5.**

QUICK COOK

BACON-WRAPPED HEAVEN

By Bibby Gignilliat
Correspondent

I remember watching my dad eat canned prunes for breakfast. When he offered me a bite, I turned up my nose, because the shriveled, brown fruit did not look appetizing. Some 15 years ago, the national plum board changed the name, turning prunes into "dried plums" to make them sound more appealing. It certainly worked for me.

This appetizer has been a favorite among Parties That Cook clients for years. The pocket in the center of a dried plum, where the pit once lived, makes a perfect home for blue and cream cheeses. Each dried plum is wrapped in partially cooked bacon, then transferred to the oven to finish cooking. The bacon fat partially rehydrates the plums and infuses them with flavor.

Once out of the oven, the dried plums are drizzled in a balsamic honey reduction. You'll find it hard to eat just one!

Bacon-Wrapped Dried Plums with Blue Cheese and Balsamic Honey Glaze

Makes 24

INGREDIENTS

9 ounces of thinly sliced bacon, cut in half
2 ounces soft blue cheese
3 ounces cream cheese
1/2 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves
Pinch of kosher salt



Stuffed with blue cheese and thyme, these bacon-wrapped dried plums will be the hit of any party.

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24 pitted dried plums (prunes)
1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
1 1/2 tablespoons honey

DIRECTIONS

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Soak 24 toothpicks in water. Place the bacon on a wire rack set over a sheet pan. Transfer to the oven and partially cook the bacon, about 5 minutes. Remove the bacon, and turn the oven to broil.

Meanwhile, using a hand mixer or fork, mix the blue cheese and cream cheese together. Add the thyme and salt. Transfer to a pastry bag fitted with 1/4-inch tip (or a baggie with a small hole cut in the corner of the baggie), and chill in the freezer for 10 minutes.

Using the pastry bag, stuff each prune with 1 teaspoon of the cheese mixture.

Wrap with a piece of partially cooked bacon and fasten with a soaked toothpick.

Place on a baking pan and broil on one side until the bacon starts to brown, 2 to 3 minutes. Turn and finish cooking until the bacon is crisp, another 2 to 3 minutes. (Watch it carefully. If left too long under the broiler, the cheese will melt and ooze out.)

Transfer to a platter and garnish with a few sprigs of thyme.

In a saute pan, combine the balsamic and honey and simmer until reduced and syrupy, about 2 minutes. Drizzle or brush over the stuffed plums and serve.

Bibby Gignilliat is the founder of Parties That Cook, a San Francisco-based culinary event company; www.PartiesThatCook.com.

BUILD A BETTER



There are a few tricks to making 4505 Meats' crazy-good harissa chicken wings and house white BBQ sauce — and Ryan Farr is sharing them.

Take flight with 4505's harissa chicken wings

By Amber Turpin

Correspondent

Last week, Ryan Farr — of San Francisco's 4505 Meats and 4505 Burgers & BBQ — shared tips, tricks and recipes for his signature barbecue ribs. Now he's doing the same for 4505 harissa chicken wings, which are served with a housemade barbecue sauce at his burgers and 'cue hot spot in the city.

"Harissa is a North African spice that people generally associate with a paste," he says, "but this recipe will let you make a dry seasoning powder to toss on your wings before popping them on the grill. These wings are perfect for a backyard picnic! The harissa

dry rub adds a new dimension to the typical chicken wing.

"At 4505 Burgers & BBQ, we occasionally have these on the menu as a special. We love to serve them with our house white BBQ sauce, which is a great complement to smoked chicken of all kinds."

White barbecue sauce is very common throughout Alabama and the Southeastern states, he says. "It's a mayo-based barbecue sauce commonly referred to as Alabama white sauce. While it's great on all kinds of barbecue, it especially shines on smoked chicken and it's stellar on chicken wings."

Here's how to do it at home:

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DINING SCENE



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Cracker Barrel has now opened two California restaurants, one in Victorville and the newest this week in Sacramento.

Cracker Barrel comes to Northern California

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Hankering for a platter of chicken-fried steak?

America's "old country store," the Cracker Barrel, has finally made its way out West.

Nearly 50 years after its founding in Tennessee, the combination Southern-style comfort food roadside restaurant and gift shop has just opened its second California business, in Sacramento. Earlier this year Victorville became the first.

Like its other restaurants, Cracker Barrel's Sacramento eatery features a location-specific decor theme — in this case, a Gold Rush and River City motif.

On Aug. 20, customers filled Cracker Barrel's signature rocking chairs outside as they waited for the front doors to swing open at 6 a.m., according to a Fox 40 report.

If you look closely, you'll see that those rocking chairs have price tags. Yep, you might need to buy one and set a spell after downing Grandma's Sampler, two buttermilk pancakes served with two eggs, one strip of bacon, one smoked sausage patty and a sampling of sugar-cured or country ham. You also get your choice of the hash-brown casserole or fried apples with this combo.

On the lighter side is the Good Morning Breakfast, with two scrambled egg whites, turkey sausage, coarse-ground grits, sliced tomatoes and a side of fresh fruit.

The lunch and dinner menus boast dozens of entree, burger, sandwich and salad options, including such homey faves as chicken and dumplings, catfish, meatloaf and fried chicken livers.

For dessert, there's a baked apple dumpling double chocolate fudge coca-cola cake, fro-

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zen mug sundaes, no-sugar-added apple pie and fruit cobbler baked in-house daily with peaches or blackberries.

But not everything's old-fashioned here. If you don't want to while away your time in the gift shop or on the front porch, you can add your name to the waiting list online, then drive over.

DETAILS » Cracker Barrel Old Country Store is open from 6 a.m. daily at 1000 Howe Ave., until 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday. www.crackerbarrel.com.

Lucille's Bar-B-Que opens in Dublin

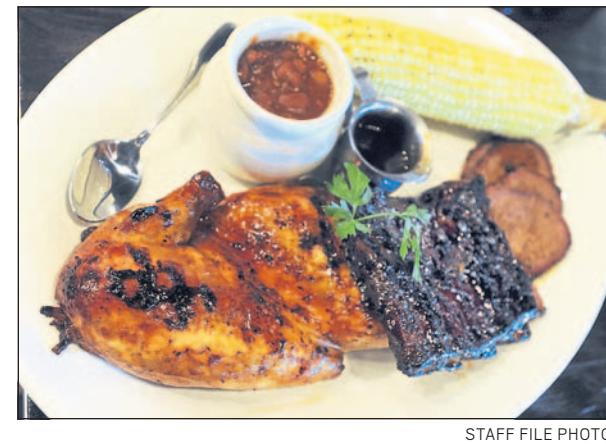
Bring on the ribs, the mac 'n' cheese and the banana pudding.

Lucille's Smokehouse Bar-B-Que is smoking at its third Northern California location.

The new restaurant, at the Dublin Place Shopping Center, joins Lucille's first in the East Bay, a Concord location that opened five years ago. There's also one in Rocklin, and several in Southern California.

The chain was founded in Long Beach in 1999 by Craig Hofman, a 'cue fanatic who scoured the South and Midwest — from Kansas and Texas to Tennessee and the Carolinas — for inspiration. Meats here are smoked low and slow over hickory wood for up to 24 hours.

Lucille's, still family-owned, goes beyond the traditional barbecue joint menu (pork ribs, brisket, chicken, pulled pork, burnt ends) to offer the rarely-seen-in-these-parts Alabama chicken (marinated, smoked chicken with a white barbecue sauce) and Nashville hot chicken (fried, then tossed in a hot sauce). Southern and soul food



The Back Porch platter, a barbecue chicken, ribs and tri-tip combo, is served with two sides — here, barbecue beans and corn on the cob — at Lucille's Smokehouse Bar-B-Que.

offerings include fried chicken, jambalaya, catfish and Cajun shrimp. Also on the menu are beef ribs, tri-tip and a whole lineup of burgers. The appetizer menu is full of fried goodies (pickles, okra and green tomatoes), deviled eggs and shrimp corn fritters.

Having taken over the long-closed Elephant Bar, Lucille's Dublin is a big place, seating 285 customers and employing about 130 people.

DETAILS » Lucille's is open from 11 a.m. daily until 10 p.m. most nights (11 on Friday-Saturday) at 7202 Amador Plaza Road; 925-828-7427; www.lucilles-bbq.com.

Top chefs cook for Montalvo arts benefit

Sen. James Phelan should have eaten so well.

About two dozen acclaimed chefs from the greater Bay Area will converge at his circa 1912 manse — now the Montalvo Arts Center in Saratoga — on Sept. 9 to cook for a good cause.

The occasion is the 15th annual Food & Wine Classic, and the event benefits Montalvo's year-round array of arts and education programs.

New restaurants and chefs for 2018 include the Michelin-starred team from Adega in San Jose, David Costa and Jessica

Carreira; Jeremy Umland's Ozumo from Santana Row in San Jose; modern Indian restaurant Rooh from San Francisco; The Palms, new this year to the historic Coggeshall mansion in Los Gatos; Bay Area chocolatier Recchiuti Confections; and San Francisco's August (I) Five.

Returning participants include Alexander's Steakhouse and Patisserie; Chez TJ and Chez TJ Pastry; Farallon and Farallon Pastry; Flea Street; Kokkari Estiatorio; Le Papillon; Luce; Madera; Majestic Yosemite Hotel; Manresa Bread; and The Sea by Alexander's.

Look for more than 25 California wineries and wine merchants to be pouring samples and talking about their latest vintages. Also participating will be Champagne Collet, Champagne Taittinger, Fonseca Port and Taylor-Fladgate Port.

DETAILS » 4-7:30 p.m. Sept. 9 at Montalvo, 15400 Montalvo Road; tickets \$250 general, \$375 VIP; 408-961-5858; www.montalvoarts.org.

Two restaurants close in the South Bay

▪ Nine years after opening Calafia in Palo Alto's Town & Country Village, Charlie Ayers — Google's first executive chef — has

abruptly closed the farm-to-table restaurant.

"Money wasn't coming through the door anymore," Ayers told Palo Alto Online. "The costs were greater than the take. I couldn't operate that way anymore."

The restaurant was known for its "plant eaters" menu that was just as vast as the "meat eaters" one, offering grain and noodle bowls, veggie tacos and burgers, as well as several appetizers and entree-sized salads.

Ayers became Google's first chef in November 1999, cooking for 40 employees in a cramped kitchen. By the time he left in 2005, he was running seven cafes and serving 5,000 people per day. He capitalized on the experience with a cookbook called "Food 2.0: Secrets from the Chef who Fed Google."

▪ LYFE Kitchen, the healthy eating concept first inspired by celebrity chef Art Smith, has closed its remaining Bay Area restaurant.

LYFE — the acronym stands for Love Your Food Everyday — was launched in 2011 in Palo Alto by former McDonald's executives with much fanfare and appearances by Smith, who became famous as Oprah Winfrey's personal chef. Former President Bill Clinton stopped by the Hamilton Avenue restaurant in December 2012 for lunch with LYFE executives.

According to Restaurant Business, the restaurant chain was acquired by the Carlisle Corp. in 2016. Carlisle closed Cupertino and other locations in 2017. The LYFE website shows there are now only four LYFE Kitchens left in the United States: three in Chicago and one in Memphis.

Send restaurant tips to Linda Zavoral at lzavoral@bayareanewsgroup.com.

Chicken

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4505 Harissa Chicken Wings and House White BBQ Sauce

HARISSA INGREDIENTS

1/2 cup sea salt

1/2 cup ancho chile powder

1/3 cup granulated garlic

1/3 cup paprika

1/3 cup cayenne

1 tablespoon sugar

1 tablespoon coriander

1 tablespoon cumin

1 tablespoon pepper

1 tablespoon chipotle powder

1 tablespoon caraway seeds

1 tablespoon red pepper flakes

1 1/2 teaspoons fennel seeds

1 1/2 teaspoons dried spearmint

HOUSE WHITE BBQ SAUCE INGREDIENTS

2 cups mayonnaise, preferably Hellmann's or Best Foods

2 tablespoons pickled jalapeno liquid from a jar

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon pepper

1/2 teaspoon ground coriander

CHICKEN

Chicken wings, flats and drums separated

Olive oil

1/2 bunch fresh cilantro leaves

Lemon wedges for serving

DIRECTIONS

Mix all the harissa dry-rub ingredients; set aside.

Mix all the sauce ingredients and set aside.

Preheat your grill to medium heat.

In a large bowl, toss wings with extra-virgin olive oil and harissa spice. Set on the grill in a single layer and cook, turning wings occasionally, until the skin is crispy, 20 to 35 minutes.

Transfer the wings to a serving platter and top with cilantro. Serve with lemon wedges and House White BBQ sauce on the side.

— Ryan Farr,
4505 Burgers & BBQ

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Tomato & Avocado Salad

Serves 4 to 6

INGREDIENTS

1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice, divided (about 2 lemons)

2 firm, ripe Hass avocados

2 pints cherry or grape tomatoes, halved through the stem

1/2 cup medium-diced red onion

Good olive oil

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

3 ounces baby arugula

DIRECTIONS

Pour 1/4 cup of the lemon juice into a mixing bowl.

Cut the avocados in half, remove the pit, peel them (or scoop them out with a spoon), and cut in 1/2-inch dice. Immediately add the avocados to the lemon juice and toss carefully. Add the cherry tomatoes and red onion and toss again.

In a small glass measuring cup, whisk together the remaining 2 tablespoons of lemon juice, 1/4 cup olive oil, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper.

Pour enough of the vinaigrette over the tomato and avocado mixture to moisten completely. Add the arugula, add more vinaigrette, sprinkle with 1/2 teaspoons salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper, and toss well. Taste for seasonings (you want the salad well seasoned!) and serve at room temperature.

— From "Cook Like a Pro" by Ina Garten

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BROOKS ON BEER

Bay Area taps into more than Oktoberfest during September

Oktoberfest may dominate the beer world every September. But there's more happening on the Bay Area's brewery scene this fall, from exciting new taprooms to variations on the hazy IPA theme. Here's a quick look at what's new.



NEW TAPROOMS » There's happy news ahead for fans of San Diego-based Ballast Point Brewing, which just announced the brewery will open a tasting room and kitchen in San Francisco's Mission Bay neighborhood in early 2019. The still-unspecified location will include a restaurant that will serve Ballast Point's regular lineup of beers, and a research-and-development brewery for brewing exclusive one-offs.

Also new: With tasting rooms in San Diego's Ocean Beach, Miramar and North Park, Mike Hess Brewing is now looking northward. Hess is opening a new family and dog-friendly tasting room at The Orchards, 2313 Oak Grove Road in Walnut Creek, with a soft opening planned for Labor Day. Why Walnut Creek? It's a return to their roots. Brothers Mike and Greg Hess both grew up here.

HAZY SIPS » Bear Republic Brewing is releasing its newest beer, Thru the Haze IPA, which uses Vic Secret, Citra and Hallertau Blanc hop varieties. Master brewer Peter Kruger says the brewery has worked on the recipe for six years. The result has "a tangerine and strong melon character to it with a hint of Concord grape," he says. It's available now in six-packs and on draft.

Another new hazy IPA was also just released by 21st Amendment Brewery, in collaboration with Fieldwork Brewing Co.

Called A Terrible Idea Hazy IPA, it uses Citra, Mosaic, Ekuano and Calypso hops.

The beer is 6.8 percent alcohol by volume and weighs in at 55 IBUs, with floral, dank and piney hop aromas. According to brewmaster Shaun O'Sullivan, "We used four pounds of hops per barrel in the dry hop alone, which is twice our typical rate



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Mike Hess is bringing a Mike Hess Brewing taproom to Walnut Creek's The Orchards complex.

for most of our 21A beers. At one point, I remember asking Barry and Alex (from Fieldwork) if adding this many hops was a terrible idea, and they just shrugged their shoulders and added more." The beer's available right now in 12-ounce cans.

BEERVENTURES » Head to the state capitol on Saturday for the Summit Beer Festival, the West Coast's largest. It's the culminating event of the California Craft Beer Association's annual conference and more than 160 California breweries will be pouring from noon to 4 p.m. on Sacramento's Capitol Mall. Order tickets (\$60 or \$10 for designated drivers) at californiacraftbeer.com.

Taste beer from Sonoma County breweries and enjoy light bites and live music at the annual Petaluma River Craft Beer Festival from 1 to 5 p.m. Sept. 15 on Water Street

in Petaluma's historic downtown. Tickets are \$40 (\$20 for designated drivers); petalumarivercraftbeefest.org.

Or head for San Ramon that day for the V3 Hopfest, which appeals to both beer and bike lovers. The day begins with the V3, a bike ride of 15, 30, 60 or 100 miles through Mount Diablo's foothills and the San Ramon and Livermore valleys, followed by a Hopfest from noon to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$35; v3hopfest.com.

You don't have to go to Munich to celebrate Oktoberfest. There will be dozens of them right here, starting with San Francisco's Oktoberfest by the Bay, Sept. 21-23 at Pier 48. Tickets are \$25-\$75; oktoberfestbythebay.com.

Contact Jay R. Brooks at BrooksOnBeer@gmail.com.

Calendar

Harvest Wine Celebration: Noon-5 p.m. today, Livermore Valley. More than 35 wineries will host festivities, including barrel samples and vineyard tours plus food, wine, art, crafts and live music. \$45 at participating wineries. www.lvwine.org

Farm to Table Wine Dinner: 6-9 p.m. Friday and Sept. 28. Chaminade Resort & Spa, 1 Chaminade Lane, Santa Cruz. This five-course dinner showcases the region's Summit to Sea wineries as well as its seasonal bounty. Meet and mingle with vintners, farm representatives and fellow food and wine lovers. \$85. www.chaminade.com

Winesong Weekend: Friday and Saturday, Mendocino Coast. Enjoy sips, bites and live music — jazz, classical, blues, calypso, folk rock — during this charitable event celebrating Mendocino's wineries, breweries and nearly 50 local and regional artisanal food purveyors. Tickets \$85 and up. www.winesong.org

Mountain View Art and Wine Festival: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sept. 9, Castro Street from El Camino Real to Evelyn Avenue. Check out the booths of 500 artists and craft makers, live music and a Pigskin Party Lounge, plus wine, craft beer and more. mountainviewmiramarevents.com

Ghirardelli Chocolate Festival: Noon-5 p.m. Saturday and Sept. 9, Ghirardelli Square, San Francisco. Watch culinary demonstrations, taste chocolate delicacies and check out the Ghirardelli Chocolate Lounge, which offers gourmet treats, premium wine, beer, spirits and live music. \$26.25-\$55. www.ghirardelli.com/chocolate-festival

Niles Canyon Railway Wine Ride: 1-3 p.m. Saturday and Sept. 29. Niles Canyon Railway, 6 Kilcare Road, Sunol. Taste Livermore Valley wines paired with hors d'oeuvres as you ride this historic train with wine educator Steve Ferree. \$50 plus \$5.50 ticket fee. www.ncry.org

Food & Wine Classic: 4 p.m. Sept. 9. Montalvo Arts Center, 15400 Montalvo Road, Saratoga. Sample savory and sweet fare from Bay Area restaurants and tastings from many of the region's finest wineries in an event that benefits students, teachers, artists and musicians supported by the nonprofit arts center. \$250-\$375. www.montalvofoodwine.com

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Will this Expedia plane ticket refund ever happen?

DEAR TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER » I'm trying to get a refund for an Alitalia flight that has been approved but not received. In March, my wife and I had to cancel our flight to Rome because my wife's sister passed away. We had to fly to South Africa to arrange her funeral.

Alitalia refunded one of the tickets soon after approving my refund request. But my wife's ticket still hasn't been refunded.

I have spent hours on the phone both with Expedia, the online travel agency through which I bought the ticket, and Alitalia. I've written dozens of emails to both companies.

Expedia tells me that it is waiting for the refund from Alitalia to post to my account. Alitalia tells me it takes up to three months to post. But it's already been three months. Now the airline is telling me it can take up to six months!

Something is not right. Can you help me get my \$1,043 refunded?

— Irwin Grams,
Boca Raton, Florida

ANSWER » I'm sorry about your wife's sister. When a close relative dies, and you have to cancel a flight, airlines usually offer a full refund or a ticket credit as a matter of policy. No rule requires it — it's just the right thing to do.

For your ticket, Alitalia held up its end of the bargain quickly. You had your money within a few days. But it didn't send you a refund for your wife's ticket.

Based on your story and my research on this case, it's difficult to say why one refund went through and the other didn't. It's highly unusual, given that you had booked the tickets together and they were on the same reservation.

Since Alitalia is under no legal obligation to refund your second ticket, it can take its time returning your money. But it kind of puts Expedia in an awkward position as the middleman. You spent a lot of time on the phone with both Expedia and Alitalia, to no avail.

In a situation like this, you might stay off the phone and take your grievance online. I list the names, numbers and email addresses of the customer-service managers for both Expedia (www.elliott.org/company-contacts/expedia) and Alitalia ([company-contacts/alitalia](http://www.elliott.org/company-contacts/alitalia)) on my nonprofit consumer-advocacy site. A brief, polite email to one of them might have expedited your wife's refund.

While we may never know why Alitalia took its sweet time on the second refund, I can say this with some certainty: Airlines love to take your money quickly and return it slowly. It's just part of their corporate DNA.

I contacted your online agency for you. It turns out this Expedia plane ticket refund case was fixable, after all. The company apologized for the delay and refunded your wife's ticket.

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BEHIND THE 'GRANITE CURTAIN'

otherworldly MONO LAKE



The tufa towers of Mono Lake stand like giant drip sandcastles, formed over millennia by freshwater from underground springs interacting with the lake's alkaline waters.

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JUST EAST OF THE SIERRA NEVADA, THIS ANCIENT BODY OF WATER IS A DESTINATION FOR LOVERS OF ITS UNIQUE GEOLOGY AND NATURAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY

By Martha Ross » mross@bayareanewsgroup.com

Like many Bay Area residents, I've spent plenty of time on the western slopes of the Sierra

Nevada. But my husband and I recently took the plunge behind the "Granite Curtain," dropping 5 miles and 3,000 feet from Yosemite National Park's 9,941-foot Tioga Pass into the Eastern Sierra.

John Muir described this spectacular stretch of North America as "hot desert bounded by snow-laden mountains ... frost and fire working together in the making of beauty."

Set against this "frost and fire" landscape is Mono Lake, an ancient body of water that's probably best known for its tufa towers, limestone formations that rise from the water, creating an otherworldly tableau.

I had long been curious to visit

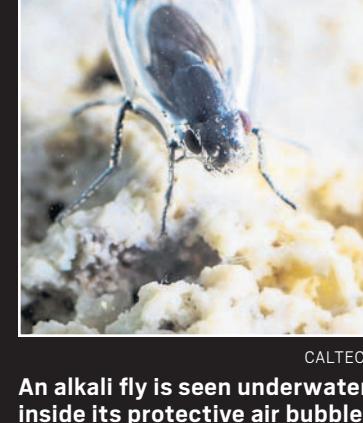
Mono Lake. It's often referred to as California's

"Dead Sea." Water flows in but it doesn't flow out, leaving the lake saltier than the Pacific Ocean and too harsh for most species, except for rare types of shrimp and alkali flies.

Mark Twain described Mono

Lake as a "solemn, silent, sailless sea," while Pink Floyd was so inspired by those tufa towers that the band featured them on the sleeve of its "Wish You Were Here" album.

"If you stand (by the lake) and be still, it reaches right into your soul," says Phil Gordon, a bird lover and retired Hayward science teacher we met while visiting the tufa towers on the lake's south shore.



An alkali fly is seen underwater inside its protective air bubble in Mono Lake.

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Top 8 'Crazy Rich Asians' Singapore sights

Looking to channel your inner Rachel Chu? When the new romantic comedy "Crazy Rich Asians" opened recently, it wasn't just the plot, the casting and the romantic sizzle that wowed audiences. It was the jaw-dropping locations in Singapore, too, from the infinity pool on the 57th floor of the Marina Bay Sands hotel to the delicious hawker market centers and the futuristic urban forest of Gardens by the Bay. Here are eight sensational sights to check out while you're there:

- Raffles Hotel
- Marina Bay Sands
- Gardens by the Bay
- Chijmes
- Sentosa Island
- Joo Chiat Road
- Newton Food Centre and other hawker centers
- Merlion Park

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The infinity pool on the 57th floor of Singapore's Marina Bay Sands hotel offers jaw-dropping views of the city.

Compare fares with Kayak's 'flight hacker'

Wondering how to score the best airfare deals or whether it's better to fly round trip or book two one-ways? Kayak, the travel site, has launched a new "flight hacker" guide (www.kayak.com/flight-hacker) with "hacker fares" that compare round-trip and one-way fares, and offer recommendations based on region, season and stopover possibilities. Flying to Florence? The Italian city tops the site's list of 10 international cities where booking onesies makes more financial sense than booking round trip. Travelers to Florence can save 16 percent on their airfare. Other cities on that list include Frankfurt, Germany, for 15 percent savings and Bangkok for 14 percent discounts. And if you're a traveler who hasn't settled on a destination yet — you just want to go somewhere that's not here — the guide includes month-by-month comparisons of airfare rates between SFO and Lisbon, Lima and other cities.

— Staff



Saltier than the Pacific Ocean, Mono Lake is so briny, you can float effortlessly in its waters.

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Tufa towers in Mono Lake near Lee Vining.

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Mono Lake

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Gordon was at Mono Lake because it's a major stop for millions of gulls and other migratory shorebirds making their annual round trips along the Western Hemisphere's Pacific Flyway.

We first glimpsed Mono Lake as we wound our way into Lee Vining, a former mining camp that's home now to an eclectic community of ranchers, artists and nature lovers. The lake, which covers more than 70 square miles in a basin of volcanic craters and sagebrush, was likely formed between 1 million and 3 million years ago.

In Lee Vining, we started at the well-organized bookstore and information center run by the Mono Lake Committee, the nonprofit that has spent the last 40 years saving the lake from extinction. The committee and affiliated groups lead sunset tufa walks, weekend canoe tours and other programs that illustrate why Mono Lake is "this secret beautiful place hiding right here behind the Granite Curtain," says Robert DiPaolo, the committee's restoration field technician.

DiPaolo said the fall is an especially lovely time to visit, adding there is nothing like a nighttime swim in Mono Lake, where one can float "effortlessly" in its salty water and look up at an explosion of stars. "It's like floating in space," he said.

At the bookstore, you can also learn how Mono Lake occupies a significant place in the history of the same 20th-century water wars that sent Jack Nicholson sleuthing for killers in 1974's "Chinatown."

In 1941, Los Angeles began diverting water from Mono Lake's tributary creeks. By the 1960s, the volume of the lake had been halved and its ecosystem was on the verge of collapse. Not wanting California to lose this natural



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Lee Vining lies on the eastern side of the Sierra Nevada, a former mining camp that's home now to an eclectic community of ranchers, artists and nature lovers.

treasure, scientists and conservationists formed the nearly 20,000-member Mono Lake Committee, scoring a landmark legal victory in 1994 that limited water diversions to Los Angeles.

In the years since, Mono Lake has become a destination for researchers studying its bird migrations, geology, riparian creek habitats and rare alkali flies. The pupae of those flies were an important source of protein and fat for the Kutzadika'a people who lived along the lake for centuries.

And on the south shore on this particular day, Gordon, a longtime volunteer with the Ohlone Audubon Society, was photograph-

ing a violet and green swallow, nesting in one of the tufa towers. Up close, the tufa towers stand like giant drip sandcastles, formed over millennia by freshwater from underground springs interacting with the lake's alkaline waters.

The air was scented by sage, utterly quiet until a larger bird began an extended song from atop one of the towers, breaking the silence in the most uplifting way possible.

"That's a sage thrasher," Gordon says. "That's one of the best I've ever heard."

Potential mates, he adds, could probably hear its song for miles, echoing over this strange and beautiful landscape.

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COURTESY OF LOIS FONG-TSUKUDA

INDIA: Recent travels took San Jose resident Lois Fong-Tsukuda to Agra, where she visited the Taj Mahal.

TRAVEL TIPS: The best time to visit, Lois says, is before March, when the weather is cooler. Go "early in the morning," she says, before the crowds converge.

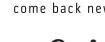


COURTESY OF THE LEVINE FAMILY

ALBANIA: San Jose residents Yvette and Howard Levine's trip to Albania in July included a stop in Skanderbeg Square in Tirana. The square is named after the 15th century Albanian national hero, Gjergj Kastrioti Skënderbeu. "Many buildings, including the Et'hem Bey Mosque, City Hall and the National Historical Museum, are situated at the square," Howard says. "Albania is an up-and-coming destination with historical highlights, as well as breathtaking natural landscape, mountainous views and the coastal beauty of the Adriatic. The town of Berat with its white houses, thousand windows and castle is a treat."

TRAVEL TIPS: "If you are going outside Tirana, a good driver and guide are recommended. The people of Albania are very friendly. Local dishes are worth tasting and meat dominates the menus. Beware when walking — slippery cobblestone streets can be challenging. Inside Tirana, accommodations range from basic to truly five-star luxury."

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